



Chamber names new CEO

Bulletin report

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce has named Debbi Moore as its new president and CEO.



MOORE

Moore comes to Las Cruces after 14 years as president and CEO of the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce.

“This is a great opportunity to join a great chamber,” Moore said. “The chamber has a four-star accreditation and there are great people involved in the chamber and also in the community.”

She will assume the post at the beginning of May.

“I love Las Cruces,” said Moore who, along with her husband, has family in both Doña Ana and Alamogordo. “Having

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Colorful commemoration



Deming Intermediate School dancers entertain during the March 12 commemoration of the Pancho Villa raid on Columbus. Festivities continued all day at the park in Columbus with dance groups and other performers participating. For more photos, see Pages A16 and A17.

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City Council hears good news about Downtown programs

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council got some encouraging words about downtown during a nearly three and one-half hour work session on Monday afternoon, March 14.

The council heard updates from the Amador Hotel Foundation, Downtown Las

Cruces Partnership, Farmers and Crafts Market and Rio Grande Theatre. All reported successful programs and strong partnerships.

Amador Hotel Foundation (AHF)

Board President Heather Pollard said the foundation has raised \$575,000 in state

capital outlay funds, private donations and board gifts to renovate the historic hotel, located at 180 W. Amador Ave. The money has been spent on an adaptive reuse study (2007), the repair and replacement of columns that support the hotel’s

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Doña Ana County Detention Center recruiter Stephanie Johnson Burick, center, holds the 2016 New Mexico Patriotic Employer Eagle Award, which recognizes organizations that hire National Guard personnel and Reservists. During 2015, the Doña Ana County Detention Center brought on board six Guardsmen and Reservists, two of whom are Jose Faudoa, left, and Edgar Cortez, right. In total, the facility employs 10 Guardsmen and/or Reservists. Not pictured are Luis Ramos, Miracle Garcia, Christian Aguirre, Jay Hughes, Robert Gonzales and Adrian Marquez. Ginelle Rodriguez and Juan Mendez are on deployment.

Constituent outreach effort launched in DAC

The Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office has scheduled the first two of what will become an ongoing series of community outreach initiatives designed to help county residents with getting assistance from local, state and federal government agencies.

The next event is scheduled from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at the Hatch Public Library at 530 E. Hall St., in the Village of Hatch, with a representative from Sen. Martin Heinrich's Las Cruces field office scheduled to attend.

Office Manager Liz Reed and her staff are coordinating with the southern New Mexico congressional delegation to ensure that each outreach event offers the maximum capability to address a broad range of needs and issues.

"The purpose of these meetings is to make government more accessible for constituents, especially those who reside in rural areas," Reed said. "We realize that in most cases, we won't be able to solve a problem on the spot, but we will be positioned to point people toward the right offices, entities and individuals who can offer the quickest and most reliable response to whatever issue arises."

The first Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinic was offered March 16 at Sunland Park Elementary School with a representative from Congressman Steve Pearce's Las Cruces field office.

For more information about the Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinics, contact the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5989.



**SENATOR
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Students learn how to practice mosquito safety

"They make us itch!"

That's the response given by a group of first graders at Desert View Elementary when asked what happens after being bitten by a mosquito.

The Sunland Park school had a visit from Doña Ana County Vector Control last week, during which students learned tips to avoid mosquito bites in the coming summer months, when mosquito season reaches its peak.

"We try to cover the same topic a few times, especially with the younger kids," said Ken Scholar, vector supervisor. "Mosquitoes need water to hatch. Mosquitoes need water to live. You can fight the mosquito by preventing them from hatching."

Students were reminded to apply bug repellent before going outside to play.

Vector Control Technician Bobby Guerrero instructed students to keep an eye out for potential mosquito farms, items in their yards that could retain water and attract mosquitos. This includes scrap tires in yards, buckets and even small toys, such as wagons. Turn them upside down or rest them against a wall, Guerrero recommended.

The highlight of the visit for the younger group of students seemed to be an enlarged model of a mosquito encased in an old tire. Vector Control uses the visual aids to demonstrate to kids that tires are major breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

"If you have a tire for a swing," Guerrero said, "tell your parents to cut holes at the bottom so the water will drain, and the mosquitoes can't lay their eggs inside."

"The best part to me is that they take [this information] back to their parents," Guerrero added. "That tells me we're reaching them. It is getting home. Some parents have told me they have a little station with the bug repellent so kids can spray themselves."

Sholar estimates that Vector Control visits about 35 schools a year, and reaches approximately 4,800 students through the presentations. The school visits began nearly four years ago and include bilingual coloring books distributed to younger groups of students.

"We want to educate the kids, keep well-informed, and relate it back to our classroom," explained Coach Trisha Reade. "Safety is also being healthy and taking care of their bodies."

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Build it and they will receive LCHBA Anniversary House again showers support on community

For many of us, the idea of a baby shower is a common one. A friend or family member is expecting, and someone close to the mom-to-be arranges a big, fun day, where everyone brings nice gifts, a covered dish and other goodies.

To go without one, for many, would be unthinkable.

For many others, however, to have one at all would be unimaginable. In many cases, especially here in Doña Ana County, families simply can't afford it.

Particularly if it's an unplanned pregnancy to a young, single mother, planning a shower is at the bottom of the priority list, if it's there at all.

Four years ago, Judah Cleveland, then just 16, recognized this reality.

"I was thinking about ways single moms could

be helped," Judah said. "Ways to encourage them and see the blessing of a baby, not just how hard it's going to be."

The thought demonstrated wisdom beyond Judah's years.

"But then I thought, 'I don't think I can,'" she said.

But her sister Annika Cleveland, even wiser at an even younger age (then 14), said, "We can do this!"

The sisters got financial and other support from their church at the time, St. Patrick's Anglican Church.

"They said, 'Go for it!'" Judah said.

Soon they were showering moms in need not only with diapers and baby clothes, but with grace. And that became the name of their organization, Showers of

Grace. Judah, now a New Mexico State University sophomore, is the nonprofit's executive director, and they have given more than 160 showers since co-founder Annika offered her encouraging words.

I had not heard of this organization until they received a donation from the Las Cruces Home Builders Association's Anniversary House project.

If you're not familiar, the LCHBA, to celebrate its anniversary, has members pitch in to build a home, providing materials and services at or below cost. When it's complete, and sold, the profits are divvied up and given to 15 local charities.

This year's house generated more than \$80,000. In addition to



Las Cruces Home Builders Association Executive Director Steve Chavira led the ceremonies at the Anniversary House Banquet. The sale of the Anniversary House generated more than \$80,000 in funds, which the LCHBA distributed to 15 local charities.

Showers of Grace, recipients were Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Boys and Girls Club, Tutti Bambini, Jardin de los Niños, Big Brothers Big Sisters, C.A.R.E., Carenet of Las Cruces, Habitat for Humanity, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery, Las Cruces Frater-

nal Order of Police, Gospel Rescue Mission, Mesilla Valley CASA, Turning Point Pregnancy Care Center, and the Community of Hope.

It's an amazing project. Kudos to all involved.

Judah was thrilled at the donation her organization received.

Her comments about Showers of Grace would fit for all of the organizations and the generosity of Las Cruces in general and LCHBA specifically: "People in the community realized there was a need, they liked the idea and we've received so much support."

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The Flu



He had a little fever but he said he'd be okay,

"Too much to do to lay around and stay inside all day."

"Harry, you were up all night. You've been through a case of Halls!"

"I can't stay in the house all day! Gosh,

what if someone calls!"

"You wouldn't have to answer. I'd tell 'um you're outside."

"But what if Ester just dropped by. I'd have no place to hide."

"Don't fret yourself 'bout Ester, 'cause I'm meetin' her in town."

"I planned to fence the stackyard 'fore I move the cows on down."

"It's drizzlin' rain and freezin', you best lay there in your chair."

If someone comes just claim that you're workin' on the fair."

"But they'll see me in my slippers! And what if I doze off?"

"All I know's your sick and sufferin'. Just listen to that cough."

"Well, you go on with Ester and I'll try and close my eyes."

When she hit the yard that evening, she saw his compromise,

He was sittin' in the pickup, asleep there

in the seat.

It was idlin' in the driveway. The dog made it complete,

Like he'd just drove up, or maybe was fixin' to pull out.

Either way he had it covered in case someone might doubt

His constant perseverance, but his sweetheart only said,

"You can come on in now, darlin', it's safe to go to bed."

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What is U.S. plan for nuclear attack?

There is a mainly unseen and undiscussed danger in America. It is that we are subject to irrational fear in some areas. And our enemies know this. What do we fear the most? Atomic bombs.

The Soviet Union and our country engaged in a War of Fears during the Cold War from a principle known as Mutually Assured Destruction or MAD. Growing up in the 1950s, I became aware that my life would be over in minutes if any madman pushed the button. In October 1962 that almost happened.

The central idea of deterrence is if either you or your enemy use nuclear weapons, you both will be completely destroyed. It worked. We haven't had a nuclear attack in 70

Michael Swickard
In My
Opinion



years of nuclear weapons.

But now our country faces a dilemma: If some terrorist organization explodes a nuclear weapon on American soil, what is our national response?

We do not have an articulated policy.

No one is talking about the threat of a nuclear attack, yet rogue states have fissionable material and making a bomb, while complicated, is possible. It is not my intention to unduly scare Americans but there is a lot of the material already made. And Iran along with North Korea have been making more for bombs.

It would seem to rational Americans that it isn't a question of if, rather when, some terrorist attacks our country with a nuclear bomb. I would predict widespread panic that will bring our nation to its knees. America would be hurt more by the panic than by anything else.

A nuclear bomb doesn't need to be the size of the first bombs, it can fit in a suitcase. So the question is: What is America's policy about being attacked? What is our response to nuclear attack by terrorists?

Rather than trying to come up with a policy while in ashes, it would seem we need an articulated policy that we would really do. Would we bomb some enabling country into the 12th cen-

tury or is our response to send a protest letter to the United Nations?

MAD worked with the Soviets, but the threats are terrorist groups and their sponsors. How can America respond if say ISIS sets off a nuclear bomb in our country?

To end World War II, the Allies had to do three things: defeat and disband the armies of Germany, Italy and Japan; the Allies had to displace the leadership of those three countries; they had to change the culture of those three countries so that a new generation of fascists did not arise.

We are engaged in multiple places in our world in a war of small scale domination. It is not like Germany taking Europe, but there are similarities. Most notably, any method was fine with the Nazi government. Likewise, there seems no restraint

of our attackers in the Middle East.

At the start of WWII, Admiral William "Bull" Halsey is quoted as saying, "Before we're through with them, the Japanese language will be spoken only in hell."

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor sparked that feeling in many Americans.

Thankfully we beat Japan's dictatorship but after the war joined hands with the Japanese people. Not so much at first but they became good trading partners. I lived in Japan for three years and enjoy their culture.

We must have a plan for the threat of nuclear attack and after the first nuclear attack on America, to ensure no other attack ever comes. Perhaps we can stop the threat entirely if we have the right policy.

That will require a ruthlessness that matches our enemies since that is all that they know. Importantly, it is not the ground people that enable such attacks, it is the nations that supply money, training and hardware to the terrorists. That is who we must intimidate into inaction.

For that reason, our leaders in Washington must be clear that an attack on America with nuclear weapons will result in catastrophic damage to the nations that enabled the attack. This must happen even though innocent lives in those countries would be taken.

We must have a rational response policy if we are to deter attack.

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We invite friends of all Faiths to join us in celebrating and honoring Jesus Christ and His influence in our lives during this Easter Season at The Venus Stake Center at 3210 Venus St. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information about the local broadcast, please contact Megan Rupp at 635-3849.



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Lori Paulson visits with New Mexico State University Regent Kari Mitchell and Athletics Director Mario Moccia Thursday, Jan. 28, before a ceremony naming the Aggie football team meeting room in honor of Paulson, a tireless supporter and honorary team captain.



Honorary NMSU football captain dies

Bulletin report

On Earth, Lori Paulson was a dynamo.

The New Mexico State University graduate could often be found cooking for 10, 20 or more Aggie football players.

The team said "Thanks" and named her an honorary captain in 2014, and in a ceremony earlier this year, the football program re-named its meeting room at the Aggie Hall of Legends for her.

Paulson, 35, died early Wednesday,

March 16, after a two-year battle with a rare form of pancreatic cancer.

Her friend Kelly Jameson said she is sure Paulson is still a dynamo.

"Lori is most definitely in heaven. She's probably already taking charge of things," Jameson said. "Lori was like a carefully-guided pinball. She was deeply involved in her family and her community, and she was fully present

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Astronomy Meeting at DACC campus

The public is invited to the monthly meeting of the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, March 18 at DACC room 141, Technical Building to learn about the Society. There will be a presentation on research in developing instruments to be used in the search for life beyond Earth by NMSU grad student Kyle Uckert; drawing for door prizes at the end of the meeting. Free. For information: aslc-nm.org or president@aslc-nm.org.

High Tech Consortium meets March 18

The High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting is 4 to 5:30 p.m. (new time) Friday, March 18 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Banquet Room. Speaker is Jerry Pacheco, trade consultant and executive director of the International Business Accelerator at Santa Teresa. Meeting is open to the public. Meeting (no meal) is \$5; meeting with meal is \$20.00 – check or cash preferred. For information call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or Paul Deason at 644-8427.

Model Railroad Club meets March 19

Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club, has their monthly meeting and model railroad running day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 19 at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds in the white Quonset hut. Enter from the far west gate. For information call Mike Fifer at 526-8834.

Church hosts book and furniture sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center is having a book and furniture sale of all items at 5480 Lassiter Rd. The sale will be Saturday, March 19th from 8:30 until noon. Proceeds to benefit Sr. Rita's order. Directions: take Stern Road South 2.5 miles, turn right at AAA Storage.

Pre-tour concert at NMSU

The New Mexico State University Choral Activities department presents "Countdown to Carnegie!" on at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 22 in Atkinson Recital Hall on the Horseshoe Drive. The choir leaves for New York City a few days later on a five-day tour. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Discussion on Islam March 22

Peace Lutheran Church presents "Understanding Islam - Part 2" from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 22 at 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Social time 5:30 p.m. with pizza provided by the Islamic Center of Las Cruces. Topics include a review of the previous presentation, Freedom of religion, ISIS conflict and Place of women in Islamic life. Presenters: Dr. Muhammad Dawood, Sureyya Husain and Mustafa Asimi. Contact 522-7119 for more information. All are welcome.

Election discussion event at NMSU

The NMSU Library, NMSU Department of Journalism & Mass Communications and NMSU Alumnus Tim Parker are presenting "Sunshine in the Shade: Uncovering Outside Influence in Local Elections" at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 on the 3rd floor of Zuhl Library on the NMSU campus. Panelists include: Joseph Cervantes, Gill Sorg, Viki Harrison, Paul Gessing and Dr. Daniel Chand. The panel is moderated by Peter Goodman. For information, call 646-7492.

Non-profit Networking Night at Ramada

From 5:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, dozens of nonprofit agencies will network, develop partnerships and compete for prizes at the Nonprofit Networking Night, co-sponsored by the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Southwest New Mexico and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. The free event takes place at the Lava Lounge, Ramada Hotel and Conference Ctr., University and Valley Dr. RSVP required at 323-1575 or carrie@nmgreenchamber.com.

Salon Discovery set for March 24

Hear dynamic discussions on science and culture from award-winning

NMSU professors Michael Hout, Collin Payne and Mary O'Connell from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24 in Pete V. Domenici Hall's Theater. Q & A sessions follow each 15-minute talk. Refreshments provided. Free. Topics include: "Watching Your Eyes: How gaze-tracking technology lets us control gadgets, diagnose disease, and much more," "46,000 Square Feet of Food Choices" and "Sensory Properties of Crops in New Mexico: Capsicum, Cannabis and Lavendula."

Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there... and bring a friend to Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. For information, call 649-0165.

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

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Flapjack Fundraiser for Dyslexia center

The Las Cruces Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center for Dyslexia has partnered with

Applebee's Restaurant to hold a "Flapjack Fundraiser" from 8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, March 26 at Applebee's on Lohman. Proceeds benefit the Learning Center. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door or at the Scottish Rite office, 195 E. Boutz Road (behind Bravo Chevrolet). For information, call 523-7171 or 575-291-4599.

Great American Cleanup

Volunteer at the Annual Great American Cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9, a springtime campaign to clean, green and beautify communities. Register in advance or come that morning to Walmart at 571 Walton Blvd. and return at 1 p.m. for our volunteer lunch. For information call 528-4506, e-mail jwoods@las-cruces.org.

Kiwanis Club fish fry set for April 8

The Sun Country de Las Cruces Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Lenten fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, April 8 at the Good Samaritan Village creative arts room, 3011 Buena Vida Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the door for a donation of \$10. Dinner includes light beverages and the high school Key Clubs will have desserts on sale for a nominal price. Proceeds go to support children in the community.

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— PUBLIC MEETING —

TWO-WAY CONVERSION OF WATER AND CHURCH STREETS

The City of Las Cruces Public Works Department/Project Development Section will hold a Public Information Meeting regarding the two way conversion of Water Street and Church Street and the reconstruction of Las Cruces Avenue from Water Street to Church Street and Griggs Avenue from Water Street to Church Street.

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Book signing at NMSU Barnes and Noble

Professor Alfonso J. Kinglow will sign copies

of his new book from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at the NMSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore, second floor, 1400 E. University Ave. Kinglow's book, "Not Just Another Computer Book Two For Advanced Users" is available on Amazon.com.

Earth Day "Trashion" show

Celebrate Earth Day from noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 23 at the 4th Annual Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show, at La Placita at Main St. and Griggs. See outfits made from plastic bags, aluminum cans and other reclaimed materials. Also

needed are participants of all ages as models and volunteers. Everyone is welcome at this free event.

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Las Cruces Shrine meets on second Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. For information and times, call 526-8396.

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watched it from afar, I can tell there is a strong sense of community. There is great history there, and the people treasure that while also being forward looking and dedicated to the community."

Moore began working with chambers of commerce in the early 1980s in Waxahachie, Texas, where she earned degrees in business administration and education at Southwestern College.

She has lived in New Mexico since 1984. Moore worked with the Hobbs Chamber of Commerce from 1990-95, serving as administrative coordinator and then executive vice president. From 1997-99, she worked with the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, serving as director of small, growing and international business.

"Change often finds us and sends us on a wonderful, new journey," Moore said. "This was such a moment. Leav-

ing what I have known for the past 14 years was not an easy decision, but rather one that came after hours of contemplation and thinking. I am certainly excited about this new adventure in my career and life."

From 1999-2002, Moore worked at the American Diabetes Association New Mexico area office, developing income through events and fund raising.

During her time in Rio Rancho, Moore worked on boards and councils serving several organizations, including Central New Mexico Community College, Sandoval County Small Business Development Center, Rio Rancho Community Foundation, Lovelace Westside Hospital, YWCA, the Governor's Small Business Task Force and many more.

Moore replaces former GLCCC President and CEO Bill Allen, who left the chamber in December to take a similar post in Midland, Michigan.

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Suspects sought in Verizon heist

Bulletin reports

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the suspects responsible for stealing several thousand dollars worth of merchandise from a Verizon Wireless store.

Investigators learned that the merchandise – headphones, speakers and other electronic devices – went missing sometime in December 2015 from the Verizon store at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Verizon management believes the items were taken sometime during non-business hours. There did not appear to be forced entry into the business.

The value of stolen merchandise is estimated at around \$9,000.

The suspects are believed to be three men and three women. Surveillance cameras captured images of the suspects. Those images are posted on the Las Cruces Police Department's Facebook page.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspects is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and



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Some of the suspects in the robbery of a Verizon Wireless store are captured on the store's security camera.

callers do not have to give a name to collect a reward.

LCPD increases patrols near Pioneer Park

The Las Cruces Police Department will park its Mobile Operations Command center at Pioneer Women's Park through 2 p.m., Sunday, March 20 and officers will have an increased presence throughout the neighborhood.

The MOC will be parked at Pioneer Park, at 500 Las Cruces Ave., beginning at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, through 2 p.m. Sunday. The MOC will be manned 24 hours a day.

Joining the Las Cruces Police Department at the MOC will be representatives from the Las Cruces Fire Department, Las Cruces Codes Enforcement and Animal Control, and the Las Cruces Police Department's Victims' Assistance Unit.

Las Cruces residents are encouraged to stop by the MOC, visit with officers and discuss any law enforcement concerns they may have. No appointment is necessary to visit with a police officer while the MOC is stationed at Pioneer Park.

Physician indicted on kidnapping charges

A Las Cruces neurologist was indicted by a grand jury Thursday on felony counts of kidnapping related to incidents involving two of his patients.

Dr. Robert Woody, 62, who resides in Chaparral but has a medical practice in Las Cruces, was charged with two counts of kidnapping with the intent to commit a sexual offense and one count of criminal sexual contact. The kidnapping charges are first-degree felony counts while the criminal sexual contact charge is a

misdemeanor.

Both kidnapping charges are the result of incidents involving adult men who had medical appointments with Woody at his Las Cruces office.

Las Cruces Police detectives learned that one of the incidents occurred in June 2015 while the other transpired in June 2013. In both incidents, Woody is alleged to have asked the men explicit questions about their sexual preferences before fondling the patients during examinations behind closed doors.

Anyone with similar claims of inappropriate behavior by Woody, or any other medical professional, is asked to contact police at 526-0795.

Reward offered in case of missing woman

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that helps police locate a 52-year-old woman who

has been missing since mid-November.

Eva Barela was last in contact with relatives on Nov. 16, 2015. She is known to reside in Las Cruces but also, at one time, had residency in Hatch.

Detectives do not know if Barela's disappearance is voluntary or a result of foul play, but they are investigating this as a suspicious missing person case. Barela is 5-foot-1- and weighs approximately 190 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Barela is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS. The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and callers do not have to give their name to collect a reward.

Carjacking suspects arrested in Las Cruces

Two men who are suspected of shooting a Mississippi man in an alleged carjacking were arrested in Doña Ana County Saturday, March 12 following a short pursuit with a sheriff's deputy.

Christopher Avery Livingston, 23, was reportedly driving a 2014 Honda Accord on University Avenue late Friday night when a Doña Ana County

Sheriff's deputy noticed the vehicle did not have a license plate displayed. The deputy attempted to pull the vehicle over, but Livingston refused to stop and led the deputy on a short chase before he abandoned the Accord in a parking lot. Deputies then took Livingston into custody.

According to deputies, the car Livingston was driving had been reported stolen out of Vicksburg, Mississippi on March 6, 2016. In that investigation, the 52-year-old male driver of the Accord was shot before the assailants allegedly stole the Accord.

The victim was found in a parking lot by Vicksburg police officers. As of Tuesday, he was said to be in critical condition.

During questioning, Livingston reportedly told detectives he was with Christopher Brown, 25, the night of the shooting and subsequent carjacking. Brown was located a short time later in Tent City, a makeshift shelter for the homeless in Las Cruces.

Both men were arrested by sheriff's deputies and transported to the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

Livingston and Brown are currently awaiting extradition to Mississippi to face charges of aggravated assault. Additional charges are pending.

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City seeks unified code for Downtown

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume told the Las Cruces City Council that city staff are now working on the third draft of a new Downtown development code, which he said is “very important to continue Downtown revitalization.”

Reporting to the council at its March 14 work session, Hume said the code is the third of three projects proposed during a 2013 Downtown char-

rette. The other two projects are the Downtown plaza, which is under construction and expected to be complete this July; and the conversion of Church and Water streets to two-way traffic, which will begin in 2017, Hume said.

Hume said the code is “prescriptive” rather than “proscriptive” — outlining what is required by the city for Downtown development rather than what is prohibited. He said it will regulate development on a lot-by-lot

basis and will provide for the administrative oversight of individual projects.

Hume said the code will emphasize form—the look and feel of proposed development—over function, although function will also be defined. It will provide a clear sense of purpose, including high levels of flexibility and predictability to “encourage a mix of uses in a compact, walkable setting; blend urban Downtown with adjoining historic neigh-

borhoods (the Alameda Depot and Mesquite districts); and enhance and preserve historic elements of Downtown,” he said.

The code will include simple directions for submission and review, along with easy-to-read graphics and charts, Hume said.

Hume said the code does not require parking as a part of Downtown development because developers know funding almost always requires that parking be included.

He said there are more than 400 parking spaces throughout Downtown, and that number will be increased with the Church and Water streets renovation project. Hume said Downtown development may also include the construction of up to three parking garages.

The code, he said, will raise the priority of pedestrian traffic in the Downtown area, which will increase window shopping and purchases for Downtown merchants. A substantial ma-

majority of trips made to the Downtown area are now by car, Hume said. Current studies indicate most people are willing to walk up to a quarter mile to reach their destinations.

The proposed code, which will go next to the city Planning and Zoning Commission for review at its April 26 meeting, will help to make Downtown Las Cruces “the best Downtown in New Mexico, maybe the Southwest, maybe the United States,” Hume said.

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roof and second floor (2015) and asbestos remediation (2016). And on Feb. 13, AHF board members removed the old carpet from the building, which Pollard said was the last vestige of its previous life.

The building, which is at least 150 years old, has been vacant since Doña Ana County moved to the County Government Building on Motel Boulevard in 2006.

The council, meeting as the Tax Increment Development District Board (TIDD) in February, unanimously approved a preliminary plan to renovate the hotel and surrounding property. Las Cruces builder/developer Max Bower, vice president of GMB Investments, Inc. of El Paso, will provide “final terms and contract provisions” for final approval by the board in the next few months. Funding for the multi-million-dollar project will come either from TIDD or the city, said City Manager Robert Garza.

For more information, visit www.amadorfoundation.org.

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP)

Executive Director Arianna Parsons said DLCP has already received more inquiries from businesses interested in relocating to downtown Las Cruces in the first quarter of the 2016 fiscal year than it did in all of 2015. Those inquiries, she said, included seven restaurants and two retailers.

Parsons said the partnership has a new website (<http://downtownlas-cruces.org/>) that will help attract new businesses to downtown, and now has a mobile app that brings downtown the historic Mesquite and Alameda Depot districts.

She said DLCP is using cash mobs (which “bring customers to an existing

business on a given day (who) pledge to spend at least \$20 in cash on that day,” Parsons said) to boost downtown revenues.

DLCP used \$30,655 in New Mexico MainStreet services in 2015, up about \$6,000 over 2014, “showing that we have made better use of our association to the state MainStreet and strengthened our affiliation,” Parsons said.

Farmers and Crafts Market (FCMLC)

Market Manager Duane Mosley said the FCMLC is tops among all 75 New Mexico farmers markets in the amount of food it distributes through food assistance programs.

Mosley said FCMLC provided more than \$33,737 in food disbursement in 2015 through the

SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program electronic benefits transfer) program, more than triple the \$10,290 total in 2014.

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Cracking yellow lines on streets draw attention

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

Drivers in Las Cruces may have noticed the cracking and chipping of some yellow lines on various roadways in town. The painted lines appear to be cracking and breaking up into quarter-size shards, which collect in the middle of the lanes or in the gutters.

According to Willie Roman, administrator for street and traffic operations for the city of Las Cruces, the paint, which is applied up to three times a year, is “cracking off the asphalt,” and the broken pieces “will be cleaned up.”

Roman explained that the lines on the roadways are made from one of three things: thermo plastic, tape or plastic, which are all materials that create a barrier between the asphalt and the new paint. “Rain is sort of a cleaning agent,” Roman said, and there hasn’t been a lot of that, which means the surface of the underlying paint or tape remains impenetrable, and the new paint just doesn’t stick well. Also to blame is the dry New Mexico air.

Repairs to the roadways are done in the most economical way possible, Roman said, which is during “pavement maintenance or full construction projects, when the roads are fully removed and replaced.” Although the paint chips may look sharp, there is no danger of damage to car tires, windows or bodies, Roman said.



The cracking yellow lines on some of Las Cruces’ streets are caused by a combination of dry air, lack of rain and impenetrable surfaces.

Drivers who notice cracking can call 541-2595 to report the locations.

Flashing yellow arrows installed on Lohman

A pilot program to improve safety, efficiency and traffic flow along the east Lohman corridor between Roadrunner Parkway and Walnut Street is now active and will be monitored by Las Cruces city staff for several months.

Two Lohman Ave. intersections now have flashing yellow arrows to assist drivers when making left hand turns. The intersections at Lohman Ave. and Foothills Road, which houses Compass Bank, US Bank, Fina gas station and First Light Federal Credit Union, and at Lohman Ave. and Nacho Dr. which is the location



Some yellow lines on the roadways in Las Cruces are cracking and leaving piles of paint chips.

PHOTOS BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

of Starbuck’s, Office Max/Albertson’s grocery store, Shell gas station and First New Mexico Bank, are the first installations in a plan to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Until the installation of the flashing yellow arrows, motor-

ists could turn left when oncoming traffic has the green light after yielding to oncoming traffic. The new FYAs allow more visibility of other vehicles and pedestrians before drivers choose to turn.

According to a press release

from the City of Las Cruces, a national study demonstrated “drivers had fewer crashes when using the FYA left-turn signal than with the traditional circular green left-turn signal, because drivers perceive any green signal to mean go, while the FYA provides a more direct message than the circular green one.”

If the results of the monitoring is successful at these intersections, FYAs are scheduled for installation at Walnut and Walton Street this summer.

In addition to the new flashing arrows, the City of Las Cruces Street and Traffic Operations Section of the Transportation Department is working on a new timing plan for the Lohman Avenue corridor to alleviate constriction of traffic flow due to construction along other major east-west and north-south roadways in the area.

City traffic engineers hope to reduce standing wait times at traffic signals.

El Paseo/Idaho intersection construction ongoing

Construction on El Paseo Road at the intersection of Idaho Avenue will result in lane closures, shoulder and median work and possible sidewalk closures.

Construction began March 9, and will last three more weeks. Local access will be maintained, but the closure could affect RoadRUNNER Transit Route 20. For more information call 575/528-3098. The TTY number is 575/541-2182.



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includes WIC (Women, Infants and Children), Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and Farmers' Market Extended Nutrition Program, LCFCM cleared \$95,240 in sales in 2015, up from \$76,025 in 2014, Mosley said. "Our sales accounted for nearly one-quarter of the \$404,955 in program funds redeemed New Mexico-wide," he said. Santa Fe had \$34,665 and Albuquerque, which has five markets, had \$42,305, he said.

"We had a huge increase in WIC usage this year, which likely explains most of our increase in FMNP redemption," Mosley said. "It is likely explained by the WIC offices setting up with our SNAP booth during market. They were so happy we are going to dedicate a booth space to them to ensure they have as much outreach potential as possible and they are scheduling people just for market participation."

Mosley said FCMLC had 190 permanent vendors at the end of 2015, and has

already added eight more this year. He said it also has more than 100 temporary vendors and 31 musicians. At \$6 per week, he said FCMLC has the cheapest vendor rates of any farmers market in the state. It generated almost \$106,000 in 2015 from vendor membership fees and space rentals.

Mosley said FCMLC has 45 nonprofit partners and partnered in 2015 with Casa de Peregrinos and Road Runner food banks, Cowboys for Cancer Research and others for food collections and fundraisers.

For more information, visit <http://www.fcmlc.org/>.

Rio Grande Theatre (RGT)

Doña Ana Arts Council (DACC) Executive Director Kathleen Albers said RGT served 18,794 people in 2015 and had 142 total events. DACC is in the second year of an agreement with the City of Las Cruces to manage RGT.

Last year's events included 46 paid events sponsored by RGT or by the theatre in partnership with other organizations, 48 free events produced by the

theatre or in partnership with others and 50 rental events that included both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, Albers said.

Albers said free events included RGT's Every Other Tuesday program, which the theatre has produced for the past 11 years to support local artists.

Albers said RGT produced six events for Las Cruces Public Schools students and also produced the summer Missoula Children's Theatre and, in conjunction with the Santa Fe Opera, its first ever summer opera camps. Other partners included the Mexican consulate

(six shows), City of Las Cruces, New Mexico Presenters Alliance, Doña Ana Lyric Opera, Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and Casa de Peregrinos.

Albers said funding for RGT included grants from the Western Area States Arts Federation, and the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. She said RGT receives a percentage of room night charges from Hotel Encanto through the Heritage Hotels and Resorts program which generated more than \$10,000 for the theatre last year.

For more information, visit <http://www.riograndetheatre.com/>.

NM Shrimp Co. using crowdfunding campaign

By Dana Catron
For the Bulletin

Tracey Carrillo, assistant director for Campus Farm Operations at New Mexico State University and co-owner of New Mexico Shrimp Co., is participating in Cruces-Kick, a crowdfunding campaign sponsored by Arrowhead Center and Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA).

The NM Shrimp Co has been making waves in southern New Mexico and is sought-after for their locally produced, farm-fresh shrimp. Their shrimp are grown without antibiotics, preservatives or chemicals, and provide a healthy alternative to imported, frozen shrimp.

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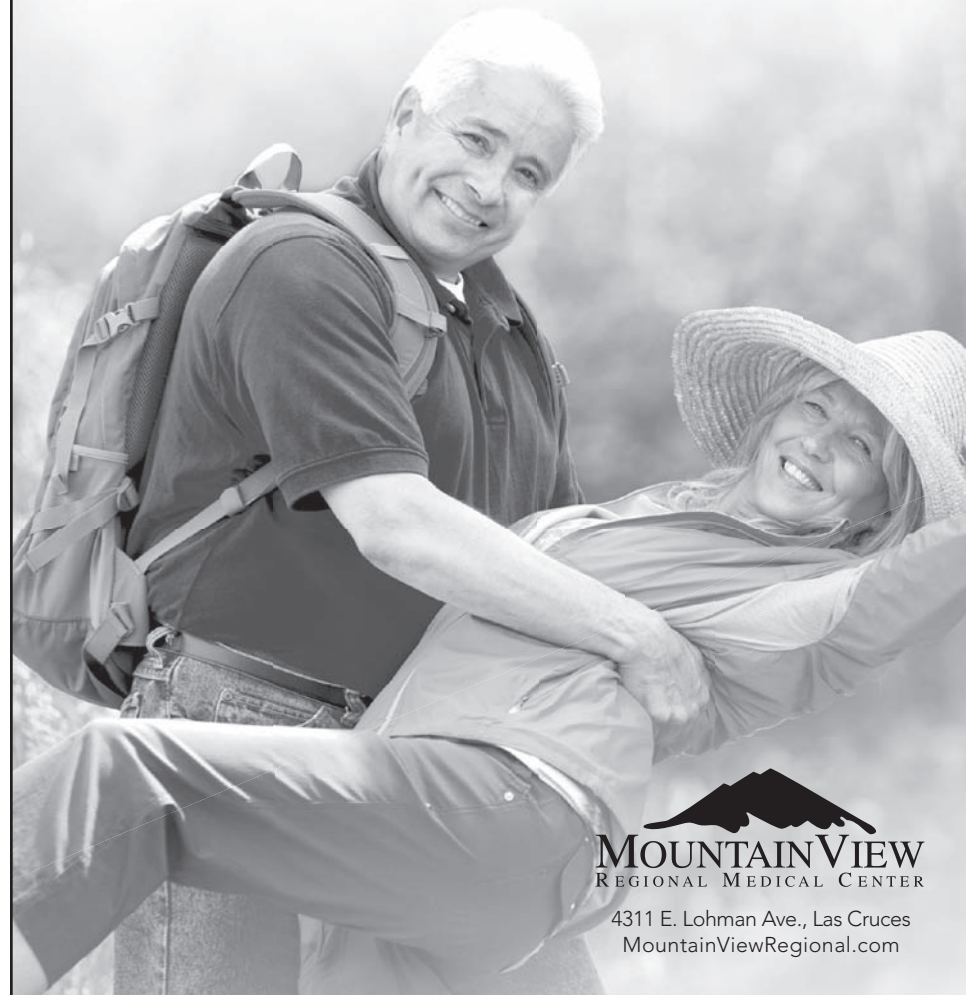
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SWEC to raffle off 2016 Toyota Prius C hybrid

Bulletin report

Tickets are on sale for the Southwest Environmental Center's raffle of a new, 2016 Toyota Prius C hybrid car, which gets an EPA-rated mileage of 53 miles per gallon in the city, and 46 on the highway. Participants could win a super-fuel efficient car while helping to protect wildlife and their habitats.

Just 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The drawing will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Southwest Environmental Center at 275 N. Main St. in Down-

town Las Cruces.

Participants do not need to be present to win, but everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy drinks, appetizers and the excitement as the winning ticket is pulled.


The raffle is a major fundraiser for the Las Cruces-based conservation group. Net proceeds will go to support SWEC's campaigns to protect wildlife and their habitats in the Southwest, such as efforts to restore wetland habitats along the Rio Grande and to end wildlife killing contests.

Tickets can be purchased at the Southwest Environmental Center or on the SWEC website. This year's Prius is once again provided through the generosity of Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces.

Established in 1992, the Southwest Environmental Center works to protect and restore wildlife and their habitats in the Southwestern borderlands, through advocacy, education and on-the-ground restoration projects.

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Community gardens open to local gardeners

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces held its first community gardens meeting of the year on Wednesday, March 9 at the WIA building near Pioneer Women's Park in downtown Las Cruces. City Parks Administrator Tim Fulton and Parks and Recreation Department Acting Administrative Assistant Kathryn Thiel were there to answer questions and hand out seeds, catalogs and brochures about gardening, water conservation and composting in

the Southwest.

Community members can sign up for plots as long as plots are available. The cost is \$15 for the season, which began March 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

These city gardens have plots available for community gardeners:

- Tony Gomez Garden, 2250 S. Espina St.: 16 total plots, including 14 for community gardeners, one for a master gardener and one for compost;
- La Esperanza Garden, 341 E. Picacho Blvd.: 18 total plots, in-

cluding seven for community gardeners, for the Parks and Recreation Department's Weed 'n Seed program and seven available for lease;

- Sage Garden, 6121 Reynolds Drive: 12 total plots, including 11 for community gardeners and one for lease.

For more information, call the city Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550. Visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/community-wellness/community-gardens>.



A child checks out one of the community gardens in Las Cruces. Community members can sign up for plots as long as plots are available. The cost is \$15 for the season, which began March 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

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Meetings set for those affected by defense cuts

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Economic Development Department announced in February federal grant funding of \$1.4 million is earmarked for development of strategies to diversify economies in communities in and around New Mexico's military bases, national laboratories and other federal facilities.

New Mexico Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Job Barela believes that diversifying the economies in communities statewide is the key to aiding those areas.

"New Mexico is proud of our military bases and national labs," Barela said. "Yet in the face of persistent challenges from the federal government, we must continue to diversify our economy in communities throughout the state."

The funding, which comes from the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), along with meetings in the affected area, should offset the negative impact of federal cutbacks, Barela said.

First and foremost, ac-

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon at the following locations, according to the NMEDD's Defense Industry Adjustment Supply Chain Map and Portal (DIASCMP)

- March 22 - District 6: Pecos River Village Conference Center - Classroom, 711 Muscatel, Carlsbad
- March 23 - District 6: Flickinger Center for Performing Arts - Small Auditorium, 1110 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo
- March 24 - District 7: Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, Rooms 121 & 123, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. (between Walnut & Triviz), Las Cruces.

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cording to a New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD)

press release, the grant will fund a statewide study to "identify workforce, technology, and product vulnerabilities, as well as resources that can be used to develop and implement plans and strategies to help those affected communities further adjust and diversify."

NMEDD is also hosting a series of community meetings designed to bring stakeholders in affected areas together to share information in an effort to inform and prepare communities about issues dealing with potential and actual defense cuts. State and local leaders and community economic development organizations will attend the meetings to educate citizens about topics such as defense contractors and

subcontractors, related service and goods providers, and other businesses and organizations that could be assisted by diversifying economies that traditionally rely on

defense money.

Finally, the funding will include the creation of a New Mexico-focused internet portal for the purpose of sharing information and leveraging

assets among communities affected by federal defense cuts.

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A reenacting commander salutes as the Fort Bliss 13th Cavalry marches by during events commemorating the 1916 raid on Columbus by Pancho Villa's men.



Pancho Villa (a reenactor) arrives in Columbus, N.M. on March 12 as part of the Cabalgata arriving from Mexico to commemorate the raid of March 6, 1916, ordered by Pancho Villa.

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Rep. Steve Pearce (R-Dist. 2) visits with Lt. Colonel Robert Born with the Fort Bliss 13th Cavalry Unit. Born said the cavalry still has basically the same job it did 100 years ago only today they use trucks and tanks instead of horses.



Adding color and authenticity, Patricia Kiddney with the El Paso Six Guns and Shady Ladies group visits Columbus every year for the Cabalgata Binacional's arrival in New Mexico.



A woman in period costume uses an old typewriter to fill in recruitment cards for visitors to Camp Furlong declaring them volunteer soldiers in the expedition to hunt down Pancho Villa and his men following the March 9, 1916 raid on Columbus.



Just enjoying the day, a youngster hangs out on her mother's head during festivities at the Columbus Plaza commemorating Pancho Villa's raid of 100 years ago.

At Camp Furlong, Pancho Villa State Park in Columbus, participants from across the country traveled to the quiet New Mexico town to commemorate the 100th year since the Pancho Villa raid on the United States.



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Local students entertained the Las Cruces Home Builders Association guests at the Anniversary House banquet Thursday, March 10, at the Columbus Center.

Eddie Binns leans in to share a word with his wife, Bernice at the LCHBA Anniversary House Banquet. Binns, one of the LCHBA founders, was recognized for his long tenure and service with the organization.

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for the things that mattered most to her.”

In the fall of 2011, Paulson visited the dorm room of family friend and NMSU football player Brandon Betancourt, and saw the stacks of Ramen noodles, the crackers and the other foodstuffs Betancourt and his roommate used to fill in the gaps on the weekends and between cafeteria visits.

Paulson invited them to join her, her husband Brandon Young and son Jeremiah for a real dinner.

Soon, Paulson, a 2002 and 2004 NMSU grad, was inviting more Aggie footballers for dinner.

The other players were appreciative too. The legend of Lori quickly grew among the NMSU football family.

“At first she was the crazy lady having 20 players at her house for dinner,” said Aggie wide receiver Josh Bowen. “There were three rules: You can’t leave hungry; you can’t leave without a plate; and you can’t leave without a smile on your face.”

Paulson and her family also gave \$100,000 to NMSU to establish the Lori J. Paulson Football Excellence Fund.

Before the 2014 season, Aggie football coach Doug Martin approached her about being an honorary team captain.

“We started this thinking it would be a great way to inspire Lori in her fight,” Martin said. “But it was just the opposite. She inspired us.”

Former Aggie center Valerian Ume-Ezeoke, who

spent 2015 on the NFL Atlanta Falcons’ roster, put it this way: “Just every so often, God allows us to cross paths with a truly exceptional person who changes the way we love, think, give and live our lives.”

Jameson said it is no surprise Paulson turned a tough situation into something positive.

“Even in her darkest days, she managed to find a way to take a very tragic situation and turn it into something good that will be her legacy for many years to come,” Jameson said.

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"Jotería Undocumented" will be displayed throughout the ASNMSU Center for the Arts as part of the 2016 J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium. The artist, Gabriela Hernandez, will discuss this work during a presentation Wednesday, March 23.

Symposium to discuss LGBTQ rights

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

Social justice for LGBTQ identities in the Borderlands is the focus of New Mexico State University's 12th annual J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium beginning Saturday, March 19, followed by events on

March 22-23.

This year's theme recognizes that LGBTQ identities are made vulnerable through legislation and prejudice, explained symposium co-chairs Laura Anh Williams, director of NMSU's Women's Studies Program, and Catherine

Jonet, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies in the Women's Studies Program.

"LGBTQ populations still strive for civil rights, and these rights do not begin and end with marriage equality or military service," Williams said.

The three-day symposium, hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences, will include films, artists, poets, panel discussions and question-and-answer sessions with human rights advocates. The symposium is held each year to honor J. Paul Taylor for his lifelong commitment to the people of New Mexico as an educator, legislator and community leader.

"This year's symposium theme was proposed because same-sex sexualities, transgender and gender non-conforming identities are often rendered invisible, and issues affecting their life experiences, vulnerabilities and social inequalities often go unexplored," Jonet said.

The issues LGBTQ identities face go far beyond same-sex marriage equality in the U.S., or even the legalization of marriage in several states in Mexico, Jonet explained. Symposium speakers were selected due to their expertise in areas including human rights, immigration, detention centers, citizenship, medical treatment and activism.

"They will bring many different voices and approaches to this year's theme," Jonet said. "Some will use the lens of activism, while others will use art, poetry and research to explore these topics."

The symposium begins with the film "Two Spirits" at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19, in the Good Samaritan Village Audi-

torium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in Las Cruces. "Two Spirits" is an award-winning film about the 2001 murder of Fred Martinez, a transgendered teenager of American Indian descent. The film also explores the lives and history of Native American two-spirit people — who combine the traits of men and women, a tradition once widespread among the indigenous cultures of North America.

The guest speaker at this event, Renae Gray, will share experiences from her life as an indigenous Navajo transgender woman.

The events continue with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts. Associate Dean Beth Pollack will make welcoming remarks at 6:15 p.m., followed by Neil Harvey, head of the Department of Government, who will present the 2016 Social Justice Award to Cassandra Calway, an NMSU psychology major, for her work in support of increasing the minimum wage in Las Cruces.

This award is made annually by the Department of Government in recognition of a student, faculty or staff member's contributions to social justice.

"As a tipped wage earner at a local restaurant, Cassandra knew from experience the struggles of many low-wage workers to support themselves and their families," Harvey said. "She began volunteering in support of a ballot initiative to increase the minimum wage in 2014 and soon found herself speaking to city council, state and federal elected

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State auditor finds poor financial management of charter schools

State Auditor Tim Keller released the Public Education Department's (PED) most recent annual financial audit. The audit report, completed by independent accounting firm Axiom, LLC, examines the fiscal year 2015 finances of PED and the charter schools it is responsible for overseeing. The report identifies more than 200 weaknesses in PED and charter school financial management, the most findings of any state agency.

Issues include a \$21 million understatement, a pattern of financial control problems at charter schools, and ongoing background check and licensure failures.

"The State Auditor's of-

office in increasingly concerned about the Public Education Department's financial management and ability to provide adequate oversight of charter schools," said State Auditor Tim Keller in a release. "At best, the department is clearly overwhelmed by the responsibility of overseeing so many charter schools; at worst, their lack of oversight of our state's boom in charter schools leaves them ripe for fraud, waste and abuse."

The audit report includes important highlights in these areas:

Management of PED's Finances

Due to weaknesses in PED's financial reporting

processes, Severance Tax Bond Capital Outlay expenditures were understated by over \$21 million.

PED failed to use \$2.2 million that was meant for teacher and school leader programs and support for training, preparation, recruitment and retention.

PED's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation failed to uphold its obligation to match a federal grant, resulting in a \$2.7 million loss of federal grant funds. Additionally, individuals with disabilities may not have received employment placement assistance in a timely manner due to red tape.

Charter School Oversight

The number of state-chartered charter schools in New Mexico has grown from two in 2008 to 59 in 2015. About ten percent of charter schools have the lowest audit opinion possible, "disclaimer of opinion,"

meaning the accuracy of their financial statements cannot be relied upon. The six charter schools with a disclaimer of opinion are:

- Creative Education Preparatory Institute
- Health Sciences Academy
- Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy
- Southwest Primary Learning Center
- Southwest Secondary Learning Center
- Southwest Intermediate Learning Center

The audit report identified 195 PED findings for state-chartered charter schools, including problems with cash management, procurement violations, and payroll deficiencies. Many of these findings were repeated from past fiscal years and have not been addressed.

Fifteen of the charter schools were lacking licensure or background check documentation in personnel files. Those

schools are:

- Albuquerque Sign Language Academy
- Health Sciences Academy
- Uplift Community School
- Cien Aguas International School
- Coral Community School
- Dream Dine Charter School
- Health Leadership High School
- Health Sciences Academy
- Horizon Academy West
- La Jicarita Community School
- The Masters Program
- Sage Montessori Charter School
- Taos International School
- Walatowa High Charter School
- William W. & Josephine Dorn Charter School

"While there are many outstanding charter schools in our state, this audit clearly demon-

strates the need to provide the financial tools for these schools to succeed," stated Auditor Keller.

The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) gave notice to PED to improve financial oversight of charter schools and provide additional training and support to address the findings and come into compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

The OSA is evaluating whether additional actions are needed to ensure that PED implements appropriate oversight measures.

To that end, OSA has requested that PED provide a corrective action plan by April 22, 2016.

"The problems that have been identified are far from technicalities, they are serious shortcomings in our state's ability to ensure quality education to students across the state," stated Auditor Keller.

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Salon Discovery set for March 24

Hear dynamic discussions on science and culture from the expert minds of award-winning NMSU professors Michael Hout, Collin Payne and Mary O'Connell from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday,

March 24 in Pete V. Domenici Hall's S.P. and Estelle Yates Theater. Question-and-answer sessions follow each 15-minute talk. Light refreshments will be provided. Admission is free and topics include: "Watching Your Eyes: How gaze-tracking technology lets us control gadgets, diagnose disease, and much more," "46,000 Square Feet of Food Choices" and "Sensory Properties of Crops in New Mexico: Capsicum, Cannabis and Lavendula."

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For questions or more information, contact the Customized Training Program at 527-7776 or ctp@nmsu.edu.

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Alamo MVD opens Las Cruces office

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Less than a week before Kimberly Skaggs opened her fifth Alamo MVD, she and the location manager were standing on desks painting vertical turquoise stripes on the institutional beige office walls.

The Las Cruces office they were about to open will process an array of transactions, including bonded titles, liens, lost titles, vehicle transfers, registrations and VIN inspections.

At Skaggs' side was manager Destinie Brady, a young woman Skaggs discovered two years ago and has mentored.

"She's an extremely smart young lady, so I grabbed her," Skaggs said.

Alamo MVD normally starts new employees with courier and general office duties, she said.

"We start watching them to see if they're picking it up," Skaggs said. "When we see that they are, they get trained and put to work on transactions. Each and every one of their transactions is gone over with a fine-toothed comb."

Skaggs explained that while the state requires that MVD businesses be bonded and have error of omission insurance, it does not require any training.

"It's in my best interest to implement a comprehensive training program," she said.

Developing a business organically

Skaggs said her business doesn't have an org chart, because she finds that formality "stifling."

"We work with and for each other, including myself," Skaggs said. "We don't have a standard org chart — and I do it on purpose because I think it's demoralizing."

"You never get to find out what each person is especially good at."

She acquired her somewhat unconventional management style by working for employers who were insensitive to their employees. She vowed to never run a business their way.

At another job — when she was

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20 — Skaggs discovered she enjoyed and had a knack for vehicle title work.

"I worked at a small car lot as an office person who did everything. At that point I learned about title work — it's easy and I love it," she said. "There's always a correct way to handle any situation. You just have to know how to do it."

The business of service

State-operated MVD offices and MVD Express offices are permitted only to accept and process an application or reject it, Skaggs said.

"I don't think I'd be able to do the job they do, sitting behind that glass."

Alamo MVD, on the other hand, can offer "absolute service."

"Sometimes you need more one-on-one type service. I can print out the forms, call a dealer for you, call the insurance company for you. We'll give you what you need and you're out of here."

She said customers often are upset or angry when they walk in the door.

"I don't want anyone to be treated like cattle," she said.

Another unique service only title service companies such as MVD can offer is going to a location other than their office to do vehicle inspections.

Skaggs said, for example, her staff went to the site where two elderly ladies had placed their trailers to do VIN inspections for them.

"It blows me away that we can be competitive and blow everybody out of the water on service," Skaggs said. "We pay attention and keep costs completely under control."

Skaggs said every day she uses

what she learned at New Mexico State University, where she studied psychology for two years before earning an accounting degree.

"A lot of it is common sense, but there are some things you have to learn," she said. "Vehicles are assets and everything has to be done correctly. Period."

Choosing locations

Skaggs opened her first title service office in Alamogordo in 2012 and then expanded into Elephant Butte.

Her motivation was two-fold. She knew there was great opportunity because there are so many boats, trailers and RVs there that can't realistically be hauled to another city to be inspected. And she also wanted to be on the lake, boating with her family.

Additional locations are in Ruidoso, Roswell and now Las Cruces, where Skaggs said there is "such a need."

"I just like Las Cruces," she said, adding her son T.J. is attending NMSU and she would like at some point to move to the City of the Crosses.

Skaggs said in addition to its service offices, Alamo also operates a fleet management company whose clients include New Mexico Gas, Zia Natural Gas, Pepsi, Coke and Southern Pacific Railroad.

"It's kind of neat," she said. "We make sure the entire fleet is OK with its stickers, all the way to weight-distance permits being taken care of. It's done per transaction. We don't charge a fleet maintenance fee."

Skaggs said although she is looking to expand into more communities in southern New Mexico, she doesn't want the business to get so big it starts "to operate in the state mentality."

"You have to have the patience to slow down. To be thorough and careful," she said. "Every single transaction we do goes straight to Santa Fe."

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Owner Kimberly Skaggs, manager Destinie Brady and title specialist Mysti Spears of Alamo MVD get their Las Cruces office organized and ready to open.

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Here is an example from history. The Franklin Expedition, led by experienced artic explorer Sir John Franklin, became icebound in Victoria Strait near King William Island in the Canadian artic.

The expedition had to abandon ship and became marooned, where they were reduced to cannibalism and ultimately all perished. Nearby was a Nesilik Inuit village that had survived on King William Island since time immemorial.

These examples illustrate a key point,

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



which is that humans depend on cultural heritage for success. The CEOs are unlikely to flourish on a deserted island because they lack the cultural know how. The Apes, meanwhile, don't rely on culture but instinct so likely will flourish.

Again it is cultural heritage that explains why the Franklin Expedition perished while the Inuits prospered.

This is why it drives me crazy when someone, often a small businessperson, claims that they built their business themselves. The arrogance of such a statement. It just isn't true. Their business depends on the cultural heritage of the United States.

It also drives me crazy when leftist types try to use our common heritage as

an excuse for socialism. On the contrary, the superiority of private property and markets as a mechanism for allocating resources is a key element of our cultural heritage.

People should have title to the wealth that they create both because doing so incentivizes value creation and also as a matter of fairness. The problem arises when entrepreneurs and other capitalists confuse profits generated from value creation with profits generated by value destruction.

Too often profits arise from underpaying workers, by emitting pollutants, or via government largesse. A lack of competition makes it possible for businesses to overcharge consumers by restricting production. By producing less of what people want, businesses can raise prices thereby increasing profits. Thus, the entrepreneur is rewarded for not creating value.

A deficiency of competition in hiring

can have a similar effect. The entrepreneur can suppress wages by limiting employment. This means less production, but lower wages makes up for it. Again, it's limiting value creation that generates profits.

So this explains the need for government to limit profits arising from counterproductive activities while promoting profits generated from value creation. Knee jerk anti-government types miss this point. Those who truly value the role of markets and capitalism also know that government regulation is needed to prevent perverse outcomes. This also is something we know from our cultural heritage.

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Learn the history behind The Bridge

As I started thinking about this article, it occurred to me that some people may not know about or have heard of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. So I decided this month I would give some history about The Bridge.

Our Mission:

To facilitate collaboration and leverage resources between public and private sectors to support educational excellence and optimize the Doña Ana County workforce.

Our Vision:

All students in Doña Ana County graduate with skills to compete in an international workforce.

The Bridge started in 2007 and at that time it was called The Regional Education Initiative (REI).

It was started by two leaders of our community, Kari Mitchell and Patsy Duran. These women saw the need to help solve the workforce and educational problems. They saw the need for communication, collaboration and no finger pointing.

There was an old workforce nonprofit, the Doña Ana Workforce Group, that was no longer functioning. They decided to merge REI and the nonprofit Workforce Group into what is now The Bridge of Southern



Denni Cheney
From The Bridge

New Mexico in 2009.

During that time they put a group of leaders together that included presidents of higher education institutions, school superintendents, government leaders, economic development leaders and strong business leaders. They all had the same vision: to help our students graduate from high school and become workforce ready.

How do we do that? We raise the bar for our students and expect the best from them.

Working with the alignment of the K-20 system is key to helping identify the needs of our teachers and the needs of our workforce. Knowing what the business community needs from our students before they graduate is critical in helping them become workforce ready.

Oddly enough, the one thing I hear most is soft skills. To some of you that may seem elementary. But believe it or not that is what most businesses in Las Cruces and around the country talk about most. It doesn't matter how or why our students don't know soft

skills, it's a matter of helping them acquire these skills. Some these skills seem like second nature: be polite, show up to work on time, don't lie, cheat or steal. However, you would be surprised how many of our students do not know this or know but don't care.

Because the need to learn soft skills is crucial to our students, The Bridge, with the help of the New Mexico State University Computer Science department, is hoping to launch a soft skills application in the near future.

Throughout the years, founders, board members, staff and volunteers have come and gone, but in 2016 we continue our mission and vision with an outstanding board and great cross-sector partners. With the continued support of this community the future is bright for our students.

Don't forget — last chance to nominate your favorite teacher is Friday, March 11, We will announce the nine winners April 19 at a reception held at La Posta de Mesilla restaurant.

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SAVE THE DATE

FRI 3/18

4 to 5:30 p.m. High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico, Jerry Pacheco will speak on the Union Pacific expansion and economic transformation of southern Doña Ana County. Cost \$5 without meal; with meal, \$20.

For more information, call 522-3868 or 644-8427.

WED 3/30

8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Federal Grant Workshop, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Free. For more information, call 386-4348 or email victorz@donaanacounty.org.

THU 3/31

2 to 4 p.m. Pasos para Iniciar su Negocio workshop. Small Business Development Center workshop, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. For more information, call 527-7676.

FRI 4/1

11:30 a.m. First Friday Lunch and Learn, "Entrepreneurship 101." For more information, call SCORE at 523-5627 or email score.397@scorelascruces.org.

WED 4/6

5 to 6:30 p.m. LYCP Welcome Wednesdays, Azul Lounge, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 575-524-1968.

SAT 4/16

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5th annual volunteer fair, La Placita Downtown. More than 40 Las Cruces and Doña Ana County nonprofit and public

Border International celebrates opening

RIGHT: Owner Royal Jones cuts the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce ribbon celebrating the grand opening of the Border International truck sales and service facility at the intersection of Amador Avenue and Motel Boulevard, a stone's throw from Interstate 10.

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The Uniroyal tiger has a panoramic view of the grand opening, where guests sat at tables under canopies to enjoy a buffet lunch.



Parish Williams, left, sales manager for Stemco, one of many vendors exhibiting in the Border International parking lot during the grand opening celebration, talks with Frank Angel, a mechanic with Hatch Valley Public Schools.



Jones introduces Border International's Justin Cogdill, branch manager, crediting him for the success of the New Mexico location, which employs 45 staffers, including 13 parts specialists and 24 service specialists.

Two for one

Before dinner at the recent Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awards banquet, the rousing rhythms of Nuevo Mexico Lindo mariachi band filled the ballroom at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

The trumpet climbed higher and higher. Then the mood changed and a guitar crooned “Cielito Lindo.”

I couldn't resist asking for the band's business card.

Turning the card over, I had a surprise.

On the flip side was information about Leo's DJ. Both enterprises are the product of Leo Garza, who is both a musician and a DJ.

The pairing of a band and DJ was startling, considering that for decades bands and DJs have competed for the same private party jobs. Sometimes they even make unflattering comments about one another.

But many party givers want to have both a band before and during dinner and for early evening dancing, followed by a DJ to entertain the younger dancing set after grandma says her goodbyes.

Garza acknowledges he got the idea to start DJ-ing from customers who called and asked for both services.

In the age of laptops crammed with thousands of tunes it's not much of a stretch for an instrumentalist to join the ranks of DJs.

The same sound system works for both.

All Garza needed do to diversify was buy some dramatic lights.

His innovative approach to diversifying — and thus generating more business — got me thinking.

I thought about Galleria by the Lake in Clarksville, Virginia, the only town on the largest lake in the state. Clarksville is a charming tourist destination. The main street is lined with antique shops.

The Galleria began as a lovely shop featuring the work of Virginia and North Carolina artists.

The pieces were not cheap, so they didn't sell fast enough to keep owner Linda Davenport and her shaggy dog Blessing in groceries, so she also did framing for her customers. Then came cheeses flown in from Europe, Virginia wines and ciders, special coffees, histories by local authors and hand-made truffles.

Even browsers couldn't resist a box of truffles or a bottle of local wine, so Davenport multiplied her sales by diversifying her product line. Kind of like Leo Garza did.



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*Around the
valley*

In Oxford, North Carolina, just over the state line from Clarksville, was another shop's take on diversifying. It was a gallery. And a custom framing shop. And a coffee shop with goodies.

Unlike Galleria by the Lake, the businesses inside this shop were owned by different merchants. They shared one small store, because none could afford to go it alone.

Their elegant solution could be a blueprint for retailers who want to open in quaint places that draw tourists anywhere — including Mesilla or Downtown Las Cruces.

Almost every week, I think of an idea for a business I'd like to open Downtown. But in the end, I'd rather write about businesses than run one.

There must, however, be others in the community who come up with their own Ideas of the Week but don't have the startup capital to launch a retail business or the knowledge to go it alone.

Here's a thought for you.

Have you considered pairing your product line with another product line — or sharing space with another retailer whose products are compatible in order to keep costs down?

The purveyors of local foods, art and, heck — how about kitchen gadgets — could certainly learn to all get along for the sake of cheaper rent and the opportunity to offer a greater variety of products for tourists and residents alike.

A compatible companion business could make the leap into business less daunting. So too could some expert advice and/or assistance with startup funding.

The city is full of experts at places like SCORE and WESST and who help would-be business owners like you or me write a business plan and secure startup funding. You'll find links to their websites and those of other helpful resources at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce website, www.lascruces.org. Or check out the Small Business Development Center at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Development Center, 527-7676.

Those who want to give business a try — with or without companion businesses — don't have to go it alone.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Money Smart Week coming in April

Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County will be the subject of the April meeting of the MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, at Hotel de Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Marisol Martinez, communications and outreach specialist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch and Eldelisa Nava, director of operations, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, will present statistics about financial literacy and southern New Mexico.

Information will be available on opportunities to become a Money Smart partner — a bank, credit union, company or organization that actively participates during Money Smart Week.

Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of organizations across the city and county including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media.

The meeting will begin with a hot entree buffet.

Advance registration is \$25, payable online. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30. Due to space constraints, reservations are required. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

Hispanic Chamber seeks scholarship applicants

The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in keeping with its tradition in serving the community, will offer its annual college scholarship program.

The LCHCC Rayo Perez scholarships are for graduating seniors from

high schools serving the Doña Ana County who are seeking a college degree at either DACC or NMSU. Students must earn their high school diploma no earlier than May 2016.

Scholarship recipients are selected on a number of criteria:

- academic record;
- leadership;
- community involvement;
- honors; and
- work/volunteer experience.

The deadline to apply is March 30.

For more information on how to apply for a scholarship, contact your high school counselor, call the Hispanic Chamber at 524-8900 or visit www.lascruceshispanicchamber.com.

WestStar Bank announces new VP

WestStar Bank has announced the recent addition of Kevin Merhege as vice president, commercial lending. In his role, he will focus on building and servicing business relationships.

A native of Las Cruces, Merhege has several years of banking experience with local institutions. He attended New Mexico State University and received a bachelor's degree in business administration — management.

Merhege takes an active role in the community, and is a member of the NMSU Aggie Athletic Club, the NMSU Men's Basketball 6th Man Club Steering Committee and an NMSU College of Business Advisory Council member.

NMED to meet on diversifying economy

The New Mexico Economic Development Department has announced \$1.4 million in federal funding to develop strategies to diversify economies in communities in and around New Mexico's military bases, national laboratories and other federal facilities.

NMEDD will host a series of com-

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organizations for “one stop shopping” of ways to be involved in the community. Door prizes and kid's activities. Space is free for nonprofit organizations and public groups by calling Ryan Steinmetz at the City of Las Cruces 528-3035 or by emailing rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org.

TUE 4/19
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Latinas in Leadership
member event, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. For more information call Eldelisa Nava, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 524-8900.

FRI 4/22
2 to 4 p.m. Aggie Shark Tank, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. To apply, www.sharktank.nmsu.edu. To attend, www.aggiesharktankeventbrite.com.

More than 13,400 NM Walmart workers receive raise

Bulletin report

As part of the largest single-day, private-sector pay increase ever, more than 1.2 million Walmart and Sam's Club associates in the U.S., including 1,300 in Las Cruces and more than 13,400 in the state of New Mexico received a pay raise in their March 10 paycheck. The increases are part of the company's two-year, \$2.7 billion investment in higher pay, better training, clearer career paths and additional educational opportunities for its workers.

Walmart associates are eligible for quarterly cash bonuses based on the performance of their store. For the full fiscal year, Walmart associates across the country earned more than \$550 million in bonuses, including nearly \$5.6 million in New Mexico. In addition to the higher wages, the March 10 paycheck for eligible New Mexico associates for the year alone.

"These raises and bonuses are something we're all looking forward to," said Angie Quintana, Personnel Manager at a Las Cruces Supercenter. "The associates at the store are already making plans for what to do

with the extra money. I started at Walmart 23 years ago as a sales associate and have been a personnel manager for five years, it's a great place to make a career in retail. The Pathways Program and wage increases really show the company's commitment as a place of opportunity for all associates."

Wages and advancement

A job at Walmart means competitive pay for all associates. Last year, Walmart U.S. and Sam's Club promoted more than 200,000 associates, including more than 3,100 in New Mexico, to jobs with higher pay and more responsibility. In addition, more than 150,000 associates, including more than 2,000 in New Mexico were converted from part-time to full-time. This month's pay changes include:

- All associates hired before Jan. 1, 2016 will earn at least \$10/hour.
- New entry-level associates hired after Jan. 1 will continue to start at \$9/hour and will move to at least \$10/hour after successfully completing the company's new retail skills and training program known as Pathways.

- Associates already earning more than \$10/hour will see their annual pay increase starting in March rather than waiting until their anniversary date.

- Walmart is raising the starting rate of its non-entry level hourly pay bands. Anyone earning below the new minimum will automatically move up to the new minimum.

- Associates at or above their pay band maximum will receive a one-time lump sum payment equal to 2 percent of their annual pay.

Walmart in New Mexico

In New Mexico, the company:

- Operates 51 retail units.
- Spent \$78 million with local suppliers, supporting 7,664 supplier jobs in FYE 2015.
- Paid more than \$29 million in taxes and collected more than \$136 million in gross receipts taxes in FYE 2015.

This associate investment was taken into account in the financial outlook discussed last October at the company's annual analyst meeting.



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community meetings designed to bring stakeholders together to share information and encourage participation to keep communities informed and prepared regarding defense contractors and subcontractors, related service and goods providers and other businesses and organizations that could be affected by federal defense cuts. State and local leaders and community economic development organizations will attend.

NMEDD's Defense Industry Adjustment Supply Chain Map and Portal (DIASCMP) will conduct a District 7 meeting from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday,

March 24, in the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, Rooms 121 and 123, 2345 E. Nevada Ave.

District meetings also will be held in Farmington, Santa Fe, Clovis, Albuquerque, Alamogordo and Farmington.

In addition to the meetings and the study, the project will include the establishment of a permanent, New Mexico-focused web portal to share information and leverage assets with affected communities.

"New Mexico is proud of our military bases and national labs," said New Mexico Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Job Barela. "Yet in the face of persistent challenges from the federal government, we must continue

to diversify our economy in communities throughout the state. This funding, along with meetings in affected areas, will help us better support communities in improving their resilience to federal cutbacks."

The grant from the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) will provide for a statewide study to identify workforce, technology and product vulnerabilities, as well as resources that can be used to develop and implement plans to help affected communities further adjust and diversify.

For more information, contact Lee Trussell at lee.trussell@amarc.us or 505-833-2219.

Spaceport America to hold open house

Spaceport America will hold an open house Saturday April 2.

The day is divided into two sessions: morning 9 a.m. to noon and afternoon 1 to 4 p.m.

Attendance is free to the public, but capacity is limited, so slots are restricted to those who register the first 400 personal vehicles.

Those on the wait list from the October event will be automatically added to this list at the same time slot.

For more information or to RSVP, visit <http://spaceportamerica.com/open-house>.

Ag women go dancing with Sun Devils

Bulletin report

With another banner year under its belt, the New Mexico State women's basketball team enters the opening round of the NCAA Tournament as the 15th-seed and will square off against the No. 2-seed Arizona State.

The two teams will face off for just the 14th time in program history at 5:30 p.m. MT on Friday, March 16.

The game will be televised on ESPN2 and be on the radio at 570 AM.

Putting on their dancing shoes

For the second-straight year and only the fourth time in program history, the Aggies are playing in the NCAA Tournament.

Other than last season, the only other times NM State earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament was during the 1986-87 (L, 86-73) and 1987-88 (L, 99-74) seasons under Joe McKeown. The Aggies lost in the first-round to Washington both years.

NM State lost to No. 1 Maryland last season, 75-57, in the first round. The Terrapins ended up in the Final Four before falling to the eventual champions, Connecticut, 81-58.



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After the announcement of their seeding in the first-round NCAA Tournament Monday, March 14 at the Stan Fulton Center, New Mexico State University basketball players Tamera William and Shanice Davis celebrate by posting selfies on social media.

Running the WAC

For the second-straight year, NM State dominated the competition in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament championship game.

In a rematch of last year's

championship, NM State outplayed UT Rio Grande Valley in every facet en route to its 80-53 win Saturday, March 12, led by freshman Brooke Salas' 20 points.

NMSU got 16 points, five

boards and three assists from senior Sasha Weber – who also went 4-of-9 from 3-point range. Senior Shanice Davis chipped in with 11 points of her own and a dished out a season-high tying seven assists.

NM State was dominant in the paint, edging UTRGV 34-18, and shot 48.4-percent from the floor compared to the Vaque-ro's 32.3-percent shooting.

All-Tournament

Weber was named the WAC Tournament's Most Valuable Player after totaling 28 points, nine rebounds, four assists and three steals in two games. Salas also joined Weber on the all-tournament team after tallying 29 points, nine rebounds, two steals and an assists.

Rare company

NM State women's head coach Mark Trakh continues to leave his mark in the coaching world as he became just the fifth head coach to lead three separate teams to two-consecutive NCAA appearances. He has done so with Pepperdine, USC and now NMSU.

Of those five coaches, Jim Foster is the only coach to lead four different teams to the Big Dance in consecutive years.

Trakh is 2-6 all-time in the NCAA Tournament. The two wins came during his tenure at USC where the Trojans advanced to the second-round of the tournament in back-to-back years from 2004-06.

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Watching with anticipation at Hooters, Kevin Merhege and friends focus on the NMSU mens' basketball team as they take on Saint Mary's Tuesday, March 15.

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Saint Mary's ends Ag men's season

Bulletin report

The New Mexico State Aggies battled back from a 13-point deficit only to have their hearts ripped out as Saint Mary's Joe Rahon hit his only two free throws with two seconds left to give the Gaels a 58-56 win in the opening round of the National Invitation Tourna-

ment at SMC's McKeon Pavilion, Tuesday, March 15.

The Aggies finished their season 23-11.

The Aggies trailed by 10 at 56-46 with 4:21 to play when NM State made its final run. Starting with a Pascal Siakam jumper with 4:00 to play, the Aggies shut down

the Gaels with a 10-0 run with three Ian Baker layups and capped with Tanveer Bhullar's layup off the glass with 2.1 seconds left to tie the game.

But a blocking foul against the Aggies after the inbounds, put Rahon on the line. He drained

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Forget the bad things you hear about golf

When I opened my mail box and grabbed my copy of "Golf" magazine a month ago (Feb. 2016 issue) I immediately turned to the cover story, "59 Reasons Why Now Is the Best Time to Be a 'Golfer.'" The first paragraph got my attention: "For years we've heard the anxious refrain. Golf is struggling. It's too hard, too expensive and takes too long. Sure the economic downturn has affected the popularity of our beloved pastime. So has our shifting culture. But ... in many ways ... golf has never been stronger. Golf is hotter, healthier and better than ever. So let us count the ways!"

Among the 59 ways chosen and examined by "Golf" staff writers, here are a few, just as examples. Number 13 – You like to watch (golf). The at-home viewing experience has never been better, thanks to enhanced coverage, plus high-tech breakthroughs like Shot Tracker and microphones in the cups.

Number 32 – Make room for the ladies: The USGA/LPGA Girls Golf program skyrocketed from 4,000 players in 2010 to 50,000 in 2015. And the number of



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

high schools with varsity girls' golf teams rose 17 percent over the past decade.

Number 54 – Golf gives back, a lot. Golfers are responsible for \$3.9 billion in charitable donations annually, mostly through fund-raising at amateur tournaments. According to the USGA, that's more than the NFL, MLB and NHL combined.

After mulling over Golf magazine's "59 Reasons" I feel compelled to add my own, strictly local, reasons why it has never been a better time to be a golfer here in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The very first, as you might guess, is that we have four truly quality championship golf courses in our town, including one private country club. Green fees and membership fees have remained reasonable, mirroring the similar overall trend across the country. What is even more special for local golfers is that within a 30-to-60 minute drive there are at least ten additional championship golf

courses, not counting the slightly longer drive up in the mountains to Lincoln County.

My second reason golf here is great is the sun. Coupled with a plethora of good, convenient and affordable golf courses is the beauty of enjoying year-round golfing weather. It may not be the kind of sunshine and warm ocean breezes they take for granted in Hawaii or Miami, but it's a far sight better than Cleveland (where I grew up) or Fargo for that matter. Even in the dead of winter here in Las Cruces, where it rarely snows, it's likely that the sun is shining brightly and it feels warm enough to golf.

The third case for why golf here has never been better has to do with the availability of fine medical care, a factor that any American over the age of 50 must necessarily take into account when choosing a community to call home. In my case, a few years ago I suffered a near fatal accident at home, including brain trauma and multiple broken bones, and thanks to great doctors, nurses, hospitals, insurance and rehab centers, they got me back on

my feet and golfing again in less than five months.

If you read anything about current stars on tour you know that the most brilliant winning golf is now played by the most highly trained and most athletic golfers ever, both men and women. True, they are in a place to take full advantage of the finest equipment and the most incredible technology available, but the fact is that beginning with Tiger Woods some 20 years ago, golf has become an athletic and highly lucrative sport.

So my fourth reason for golf being better than ever is that we are blessed to have at our disposal state-of-the-art workout gyms which are so numerous, conveniently located and affordable that there is absolutely no excuse for avoiding strength and stamina workouts to enhance your new athletic golf swing. That, of course, presumes you hate being a hack and a chop and losing cash to your buddies.

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both shots. A half-court heave by Baker just missed and Saint Mary's came away with the win.

"The guys showed a lot of fight," said NM State head coach Marvin Menzies. "It's just one of those games. The kids showed a great effort on national television and made the team and our athletic program proud."

NM State struggled in the first half before switching defenses midway through the second half and using that defense to generate the offense.

The Aggies shot 35.9 percent from the floor for the game, while Saint Mary's shot 51.1 percent. But NM State forced Saint Mary's in to 11 turnovers while the Aggies suffered just seven. The Aggies also outrebounded the Gaels 36-29.

Siakam led the Aggies with 19 points and 14 rebounds to tie Egidijus Mockevicius of Evansville with an NCAA-leading 27 double-doubles. Siakam also equaled his career-high with four steals in the game to go with one block.

Baker finished with 13 points for the game to go with seven assists.

Saint Mary's was paced Rahon who collected 14 points, with Dane Pineau adding 13 points. The duo each grabbed seven rebounds. Emmett Naar posted 12 points with six assists.

The Aggies closed the season as the back-to-back regular season Western Athletic Conference Champions and played in either the NCAA Tournament or NIT for the fifth consecutive season.

Siakam posted the second-highest scoring total for a season in NM State history as he posted 690 points, one better than Jahmar Young's 689 in 2009-10. Siakam was also third all-time in rebounds in a season with 396 and third in single season blocked shots with 76.

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Sun Devils

Arizona State, ranked No. 11 by the Associated Press in the latest polls, enters the match-up 25-6 overall and 16-2 in Pac-12 play. The No. 2-seeded Sun Devils, in the Sioux Falls Regional, finished the 2015-16 season tied with No. 6 Oregon State for the regular-season title, but was ousted in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament by Cal, 75-64.

ASU also had a 15-game winning-streak this season, but it was snapped at the hands of the Beavers in Corvallis, 67-44. ASU then went on a seven-game winning-streak before

dropping its next two contests to then-No. 14 UCLA, 74-61, followed by Cal in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 Tournament.

As a team, ASU is shooting a dismal 11-percent (5-of-47) from 3-point range in its last three contests. However, the Sun Devils are shooting a .321 clip from beyond the arc on the year.

The Sun Devils are led by All-Pac-12 Conference teamer Sophie Brunner, who is averaging 10.8 points and 7.5 boards per game. The junior forward also has 48 assists, 44 steals and six blocks to her name this season. After being held to just five points against Southern California, Brunner registered back-to-back double-doubles against the Bruins (10 points, 13 rebounds) and Golden Bears (14, 11).

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Anisah Triste is a 15-year-old freshman at Las Cruces High School. She plays on the Lady Bulldawg's volleyball and softball teams. Triste plays third base and is a pitcher (right hand pitcher/left hand batter). She is batting cleanup, with a .375 average, one homerun and 11 strikeouts.

Triste has a positive attitude on and off the field, hits the ball really well, lifts up the team and works hard on the pitching mound. She is a dedicated student with a 3.1 GPA and likes school. Outside of school and sports, Triste enjoys listening to country music, shopping and spending time with family and friends.



LAS CRUCES HIGH SCHOOL

Strong performances prevail at Centennial Invite

By Kelly Salas
For the Bulletin

The Centennial Invite Saturday, March 12 at the Field of Dreams began with some strong state-qualifying performances before severe wind and dust forced an early meet cancellation for the more-than-thirteen-team gathering from New Mexico and the El Paso area.

And with most of the morning's jumpers and throwers simultaneously in motion across the Las Cruces Field of Dreams stadium, those same field athletes and a few of their running counterparts found success against the blustery odds of the day.

In the girls' varsity field events, Oñate seniors Keyarha Wilson and Alyssa Covarrubia claimed their second victories of the



Centennial senior Leah Salazar leads the pack after a windy first lap in the girls varsity 800 meters. Salazar won in 2:27.82 and sits first in 5A and the overall state rankings with her first-meet time of 2:21.34

2016 season in the high jump (5-02) and javelin (112-03), respectively. Both girls' previous meet marks of 5-06 for Wilson and Covarrubia's 125-07 currently place them first in statewide standings. Other winning girls' field performances include

Centennial freshman Matilda Whitelock in the pole vault (8-09), and Mayfield senior Celeste Walz in the discus (104-07.50).

First place boys varsity field athletes were Mayfield sophomore Chris Mar-Yuen, with a season best and state-leading

high jump mark of 6-3, and Centennial junior Brenden Padilla in long jump (20-07).

With the field events off to a solid start, a handful of early races on the track prevailed before the meet-ending weather took hold. In the girls' varsity division, Oñate senior Meghan Aguilera finished strong in a well-earned battle for first in the 3200-meter-run, with a 6A State-qualifying time of 11:46; Senior Knight Jennifer Ramirez claimed victory once again in the 100 hurdles, improving on her top overall State ranking with a 15.34. Oñate's 400-meter relay team took first in 51.39.

Adding to the local girls' varsity excellence, the Centennial Hawk squad proved the depth of their talent and strength. Cap-



Oñate senior Meghan Aguilera races for the win in the girls varsity 3200 meter run (11:47.05); Las Cruces High junior Irene Fernald finished third (11:55.56), and Centennial senior Corinne Hanson fourth (12:10.21), all three earning state-qualifying times.)

turing first place were seniors Leah Salazar in the 800-meter run (2:27.82) and Lanie Whelpley in the 400-meters (1:02.07). Salazar's previous meet time of 2:21.34 ranks her number one overall in the state for her event. The Hawk 800-meter relay also earned a win with a 1:55.21.

Runner-up spots went to Centennial's Jessa Gegax in the 400 meters (1:02.22), sophomore Bailee Minnick in the triple jump (30-11.5), and the Hawk 400-meter relay team (52.04). Other second place finishes went to Mayfield's Kyleigh Cox in the high

jump (4-10) and the Trojan 800-meter relay team (1:55.25), along with Oñate's Keyarha Wilson in long jump (14-09), and freshmen Akihra Wilson in the 100-meters (13.20) and Megan Hurst in the 800-meter run (2:32.92).

In the boys' varsity running events, the morning's winning highlight came from Oñate sophomore Monroe Young. Just off the Knights' basketball season, Young quickly earned a State-qualifying 11.14 in the 100-meters and the fastest posted time in New Mexico in his first race of the year.

Second place performances came from Oñate's Luis Duarte in javelin (163-07), Thomas Salas in the 3200-meters (10:05.38), and Ian Beard in triple jump (39-11), Centennial's Ethan Merchant in pole vault (11-0) and Ruben Gonzales in the 800-meters (2:01.56), along with Mayfield's 800-meter relay team (1:36.04).

With fourteen girls events and thirteen boys events completed, the final team results earned Oñate girls varsity the win (72); Centennial second (64). The boys' varsity title went to El Paso- El Dorado (62); Oñate boys second (47).

Las Cruces teams will head to Alamogordo's Rolla Buck Invitational on Saturday, March 19.

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Carlsbad 47, Mayfield 39
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Christian 53

Class 5A
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Class 6A
First round
Oñate 70, Eldorado 49
Cibola 48, Las Cruces 42

Quarterfinals
Oñate 65, Hobbs 37

Semifinals
Carlsbad 27, Oñate 25

More soldiers are heading to WSMR

Bulletin report

More active duty soldiers are heading to White Sands Missile Range.

The 143-soldier Air Defense Artillery Test Detachment will support Army Missile Defense programs to, as U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich reports, “ensure the best equipment is in the hands of soldiers deployed around the world.

In addition, the Department of Defense announced the assignment of a new general at WSMR.

According to a press release, Brig. Gen. Eric L. Sanchez, commanding general, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, has been assigned to commanding general, White Sands Missile Range.

No date was given in the release as to time frame.

NMSU to shine light on government transparency

Bulletin report

The NMSU Library, NMSU Department of Journalism & Mass Communications, and NMSU Alumnus Tim Parker are presenting “Sunshine in the Shade: Uncovering Outside Influence in Local Elections.” The event, held on Wednesday, March 23, will commemorate Sunshine Week, which celebrates the

public’s access to information, open records and open government. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Zuhl Library on the NMSU campus.

Panelists for the program are:

- New Mexico Senator Joseph Cervantes
- Las Cruces City Councilor Gill Sorg

- Viki Harrison from Common Cause

- Paul Gessing of the Rio Grande Foundation

- Daniel Chand, NMSU Government Department

The panel will be moderated by writer, photographer and lawyer Peter Goodman. Please join us as our panelists discuss recent trends and transparency in local elec-

tions. The audience is welcome to participate with questions. Refreshments will be served.

Free parking will be available on the NMSU campus after 4:30 p.m. For questions or further information, contact Sunshine Week Program chair Cassie McClure at cmcclure@nmsu.edu or 646-7492.

NMSU choir to perform at Carnegie Hall

By Dana Beasley For the Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Singers have been invited to perform at New York City’s Carnegie Hall on Easter Sunday, March 27, as part of the Gotham SINGS! Collegiate Choral Showcase.

“Carnegie Hall is the most recognizable performance venue in the country – performing there is an opportunity of a lifetime,” said John Flanery, director of

choral studies at NMSU and University Singers conductor.

University Singers is comprised of NMSU’s top vocalists. The mixed group of 30 performs music from all time periods and genres, and has toured internationally to Spain, Germany, Austria, England and Italy.

The ensemble’s 40-minute Carnegie Hall program will include music from Tomás Luis de Victoria, Samuel Scheidt,

Stephen Paulus, James Mulholland and Arvo Part. The ensemble will also premiere a new piece in Arabic, titled “Bes Inshafat Bi Jamal,” which was written by a former student of Flanery’s and dedicated to the choir.

Nancy Joy, NMSU associate professor of music in the College of Arts and Sciences, will travel to New York with the ensemble to offer French horn accompaniment for a portion of the program.



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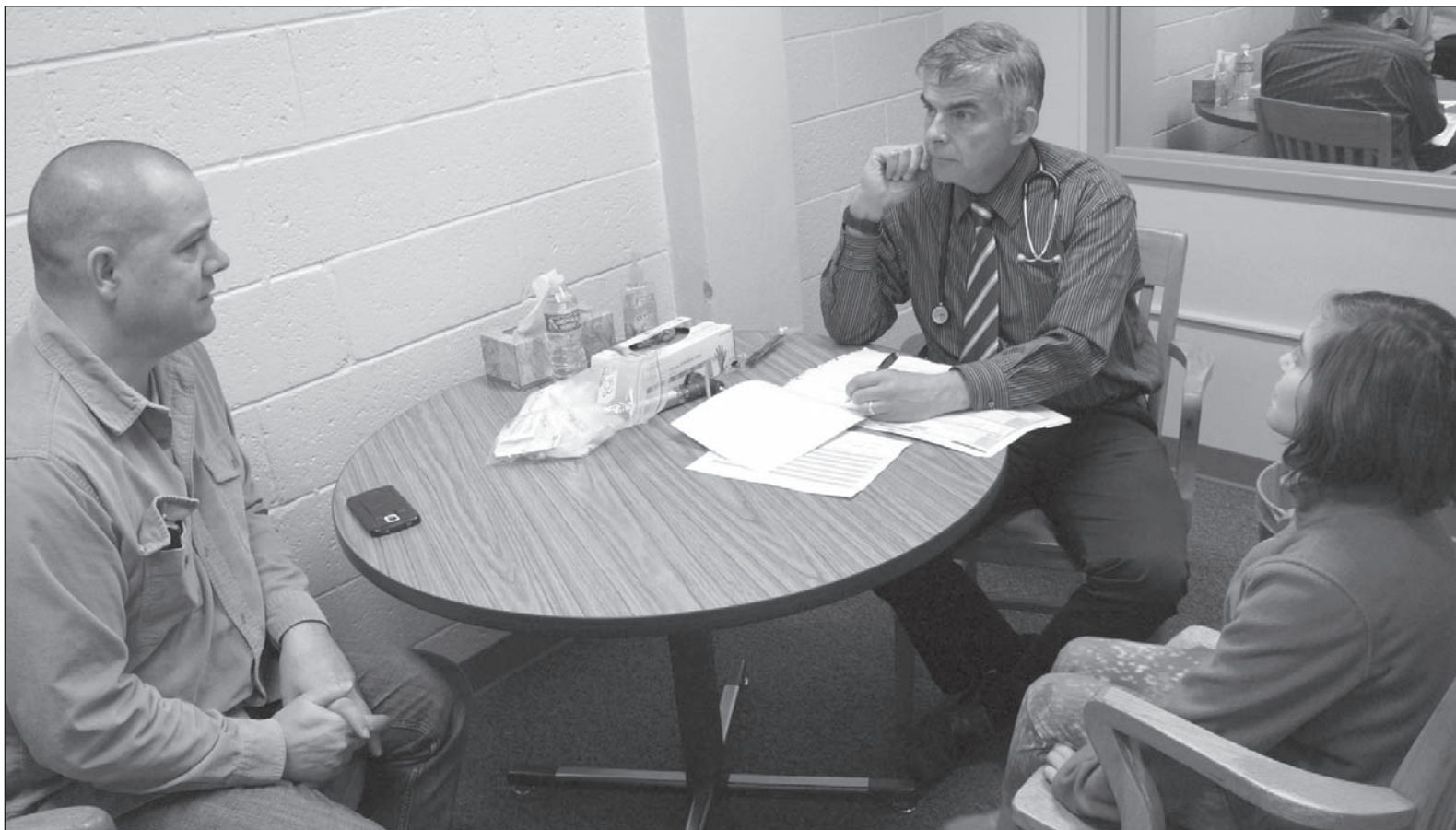
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Richard Whitman, left, and his daughter Savannah Whitman visit with pediatrician Dr. Fernando Indacochea on March 11, 2016, at a free cleft palate and lip clinic hosted by New Mexico State University's Edgar R. Garrett Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Families attend free cleft palate clinic at NMSU

By **Adriana M. Chavez**
For the Bulletin

More than 30 families with children born with a cleft lip or palate got the chance to receive free medical care Friday, March 11, at a multidisciplinary clinic hosted by New Mexico State University's Edgar R. Garrett Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Families in southern New Mexico were eligible to attend the clinic and see specialists in plastic surgery, otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), maxillofacial surgery, pediatrics, pediatric dentistry, orthodontia, speech-language pathology, speech science, audiology, nursing and social work.

The New Mexico Cleft Palate Center in partnership with Smile Train sponsored the clinic, which included volunteers from Las Cruces, El Paso and Albuquerque, and staff and graduate students from NMSU's speech and hearing department.

New Mexico has a high incidence of cleft lip and palate due to the large number of Hispanic and Native Ameri-



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NMSU director of audiology Mounita Choudhury checks Marianna Villalobos' hearing on March 11, 2016, at a free cleft palate and lip clinic hosted by New Mexico State University's Edgar R. Garrett Speech and Hearing Clinic.

can residents.

"It is a pleasure to bring this vital service to the community and the surrounding areas, and an honor to play a small role in something much bigger than ourselves," said Tenevia N. Trammel-Yeboah, director of the Edgar R. Garrett

Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Richard Whitman visited the clinic with his daughter Savannah Whitman, 9, after Dr. Luis Cuadros, Savannah's Albuquerque-based plastic surgeon, encouraged them to attend after they hadn't attended in some time.

"It's just to see how she's progressing in her speech and her hearing, orthodontics, things like that," Whitman said as he and Savannah waited to see Dr. Fernando Indacochea, a Las Cruces pediatrician. "She's done very well. I think we stopped speech therapy with her when she was in second grade. Her language is really intelligible, so I think that the various specialists that she's seen have helped her progress to where she's at today."

Whitman called the cleft lip and palate clinic "well organized," with graduate students helping families make sure they get from one specialist to another and receive ample time with each specialist.

"This opportunity is a labor of love from all the above-

named professionals who gather together from University of New Mexico, NMSU and throughout the state," said Linda Spencer, director of NMSU's Communication Disorders program. "The professionals volunteer their time, talent and expertise, with some driving three hours to participate. Dr. Luis Cuadros, a board-certified plastic surgeon, has been instrumental in this endeavor. This clinic has operated on a shoestring budget in order to bring the services to some of our state residents with the highest financial need."

Spencer said Trammel-Yeboah and graduate students Rachel Hoehle, Marissa Perez and Leslie Guzman worked in conjunction with Cuadros' office to organize the clinic during both the fall semester and spring semesters.

"They have done a tremendous job in spite of being short on administrative help and clinical educator help," Spencer said. "The service is an intrinsic one for our students and for the citizens of Southern New Mexico."

LGBTQ

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officials, and the media. Cassandra's work shows that everyone can make a difference and help make our community a better place for all."

Two keynote speakers will follow this presentation: Jennicet Gutierrez, an LGBTQ advocate, and poet Veronica Reyes, author of "Jota Chronicles: East LA, Fronteras y Poetry."

At 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, a full day of speakers, panel discussions and events will begin at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, including five plenary sessions and a book signing.

The symposium events are free and open to the public. For a full schedule, visit <http://artsci.nmsu.edu/en/12th-annual-j-paul-taylor-2016/schedule-and-guest-speaker>.

The J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium is dedicated to bringing the resources of the university to bear on issues facing the most vulnerable groups in this region. Past symposia have focused on social justice for native peoples, migrant children and youth, undocumented immigrants and the women of Juarez.

The events are made possible in part by a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The symposium will be presented in both English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation provided throughout. To view a live stream of the symposium, visit <http://artsci.nmsu.edu/en/12th-annual-j-paul-taylor-2016/view-live-stream>.

NMSU PREP Academy accepting applications

Middle- and high-school students have the opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and math careers while experiencing a taste of college life this summer. The New Mexico State University Engineering New Mexico Resource Network is ac-

cepting applications for the 2016 PREP Middle- and High-School Academies. PREP (Pre-Freshman Engineering Program) is a summer residential camp for diverse, high-achieving students. PREP Middle-School Academy will be held June 5-17 and is open to

grades sixth to eighth. This program is a two-week residential program that provides students with real-world experiences in engineering innovation through inquiry and hands-on learning. Students will be immersed in engineering activities.

PREP High-School Academy will be held June 19-30 and is open to students in grades ninth to 12th. Also a two-week residential program, this academy exposes students to the engineering design process, applied use of engineering software, advanced manu-

facturing using 3-D printers, and the ability to implement their engineering skills on real-world projects. All students will live in the campus dorms, participate in a variety of social and leadership activities and participate in field trips.

contact Program Manager Tracey O'Neil at 575-646-2913 or email enr-nm@nmsu.edu.

Youth Management Camp deadline approaches

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp. Deadline to apply is May 1.

"We are proud to offer this one-of-a-kind program for the future cattle producers of our state," said Jon Boren, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service director. "The collaboration between

There is no charge to participate in the New Mexico PREP Academies, but space is limited. Participants will be selected based on a review of submitted applications. Applications are available online at <https://enr.nmsu.edu/nmprep/>. Interested students must apply by March 31.

For more information,

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our Extension specialists, county Extension agents and members of the ranching industry has provided an opportunity for the youth to see the many aspects of managing a ranch and natural resources.”

The activity-packed week of June 5 to 10 will conclude with a ranch management plan competition.

Each day, campers ages 15 to 19 will learn professional-level information.

• Day 1: All Things Beef: The day includes learning about the international beef industry, nutrition and cattle reproduction, Beef Quality Assurance training and processing a

beef carcass into meat.

• Day 2: Marketing and Economics: Participants will be given helpful tips on managing ranches and marketing livestock, natural resources and agri-tourism opportunities.

• Day 3: Natural Resources: Campers will learn the basic fundamentals of managing wildlife and natural resources.

• Day 4: Range Land: The future ranchers will learn the economics and importance of land stewardship in the delicate ecosystem.

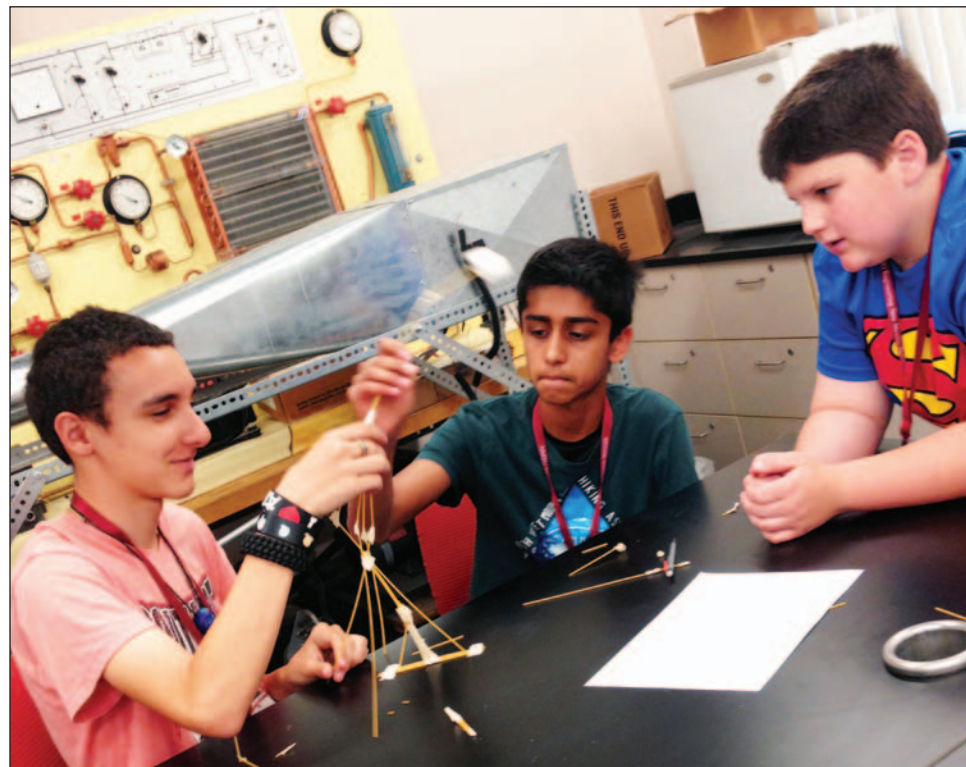
• Day 5: Ranch Management Plan Competition: Campers are divided into

teams to prepare a plan on how they would operate a ranch. Judges from the beef industry and NMSU determine the winner.

Since 2011, 100 youth have participated in this unique opportunity to be exposed to the vast career opportunities associated with the beef industry.

“You don’t have to just be in ranching to attend this camp. It offers a wide variety of career avenues,” said camp director Jack Blandford, Luna County Extension program director. “I encourage any youth within the age group to apply.”

For more information or to apply, visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/nmranch-camp/index.html>. Cost for the five-day camp is \$300.



COURTESY PHOTO

Students participate in a hands-on engineering project during the Pre-Freshman Engineering Program 2015 at New Mexico State University. Applications are now being accepted for the middle-school and high-school academies to be held in June.

EDUCATION

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Notary Public course

Doña Ana Community College Community Education and Customized Training presents a notary public course from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 2 at 2345 E. Nevada. Learn the legal duties and what the law allows and requires of a notary, determine the steps for applying to become a NM Notary Public and information you need to order your notary seal, and more. For new and experienced Notaries. Must be a New Mexico resident. Record Book of Notarial Acts included. For more information, call 527-7776 or ctp@nmsu.edu.

Grant helps enhance infrastructure

NMSU has received a \$398,691 grant from the National Science Foundation to enhance cyber infrastructure support for research projects spanning many disciplines at NMSU. Research in science, technology, engineering and

math education disciplines has become increasingly dependent on the availability of effective CI solutions related to software, high-performance computing, networking, big data stor-

age, sensor networks, etc. NMSU will be using the NSF funding in conjunction with other institutional resources to establish new cyber infrastructure support function. In partnership with the provost’s office, research faculty, the Facul-

ty Advisory Committee on Technology and others, this new support function will be implemented by NMSU’s chief information officer. For more information, contact Brian Ormand, ICT project manager, at 646-0325.

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Carrillo heard about CrucesKick through his involvement with Arrowhead Technology Incubator, where he is a client. CrucesKick, a partnership between Arrowhead Center and MVEDA, launched Feb. 29. This year, four companies are participating in CrucesKick, a fast-moving

crowdfunding campaign aiming to raise funds and awareness of local companies' products and offerings.

"We want everyone in the U.S. to be able to get fresh shrimp produced locally in an all-natural manner using a sustainable, environmentally conscience method," Carrillo said when asked about his campaign.

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uct created from waste, emphasizing NM Shrimp Co's sustainability mission.

"This leaves little waste," said Carrillo. "We know exactly what goes into our water so that we can produce a product free of chemicals."

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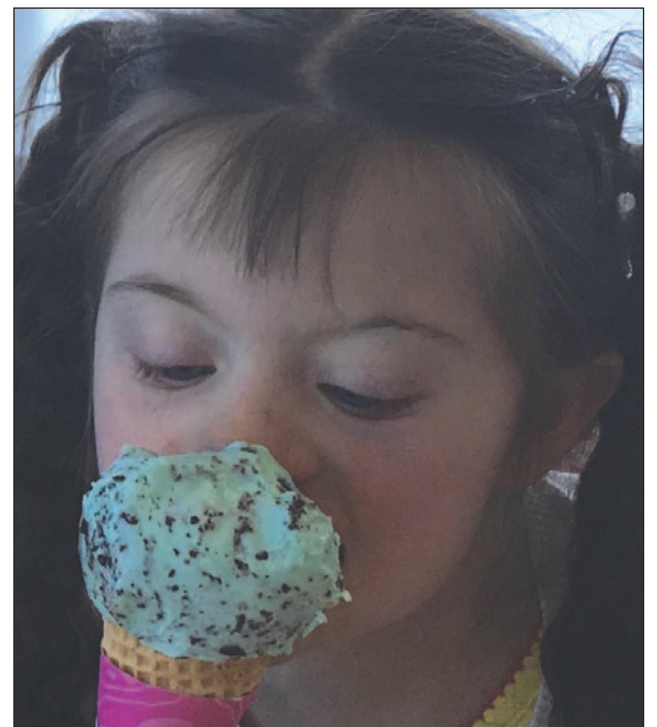


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Ice cream for World Down Syndrome Day



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On Monday, March 21 during World Down syndrome awareness day, Baskin Robbins at 1492 Missouri Ave., will give away free ice cream to all persons with Down syndrome. Southern New Mexico Down syndrome Families Director Lori Hathway said the owner of the ice cream store, Albert Albo, offered to supply free ice cream cones in honor of the awareness day. The store will be decorated and all people with Down syndrome are invited to enjoy a cold treat during the store's hours, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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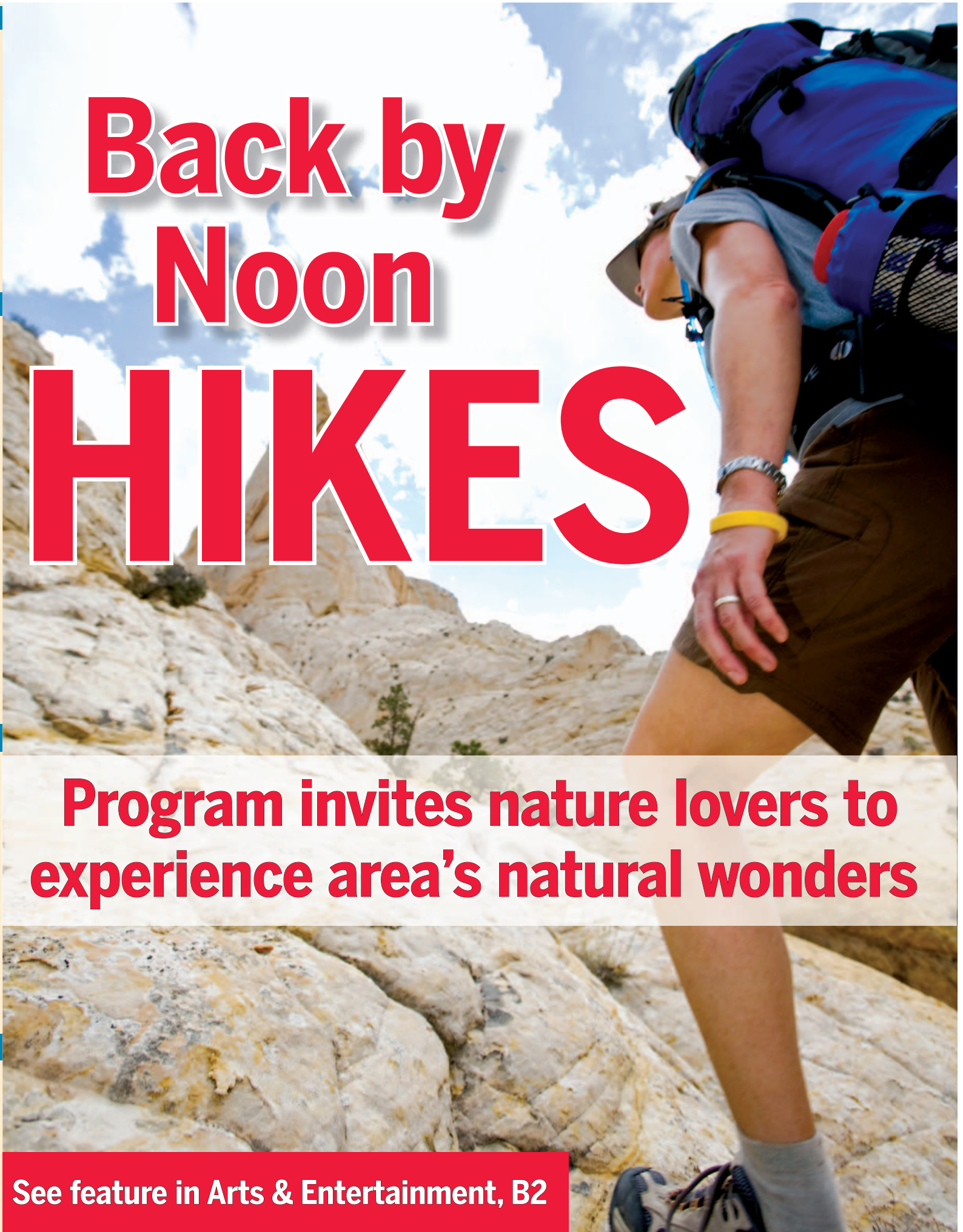
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Back by Noon HIKES

Program invites nature lovers to experience area's natural wonders

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Back by Noon hikes are categorized by level of difficulty from easy to strenuous.

SWEC Back by Noon hikes return for spring

By Zak Hansen
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Back by Noon hikes are back.

Sponsored by Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC), the every-Saturday Back by Noon hike program invites nature lovers of all ages to experience the natural wonders that lie all around us in the Borderlands – the plants and animals that call our Chihuahuan Desert home, its defining geological features and histories and what they mean today.

Led by the Bureau of Land Management's Daniella Barraza, the Saturday, March 18, hike will give attendees a glimpse back in time – 280 million years back in time – as they travel in the foot-

steps of ancient creatures. Barraza will lead hikers through the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the Robledo Mountains, finding and identifying the fossilized traces of predinosaurs and foliage. Hike begins at 8 a.m., rating is moderate.

The following week, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 26, naturalist Mara Heisenberg will uncover the hidden secrets of the San Andres Mountains and give hikers a rare opportunity to visit the San Andres Wildlife Refuge, limited access to which has made it a haven for rare desert animals like bighorn sheep. For this hike, rated strenuous, U.S. Citizenship is required, as are vehicles with high clearance.

April's first hike, beginning at 7:30 a.m. April 2, centers on the geology of the Franklin Mountains. Geologist Ariel Carreon will lead a 2.5-mile hike along the upper sunset trail, along the way dispensing her insight into the animal and plant life in the area. There is a \$2 fee per person to enter the park. This moderate-rating hike has a few tricky spots, but don't fear – slow and steady is the way to go.

The many reptiles living in the vast Chihuahuan Desert are the focus of the April 9 hike, which begins at 8:30 a.m. New Mexico State University Professor of herpetology Niki Harings will lead this easy, 1.5-mile hike along the well-maintained trails of the Asombro

Institute for Science Education's Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park north of town.

Starting at 8:30 a.m. April 16, witness one of the Southwest's most stunning natural wonders – the bloom of the Texas Rainbow Cactus – on an outing to Anthony Gap led by Lisa Mandelkern, a “Chihuahuan Desert enthusiast,” award-winning photographer and member of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico. Bring your camera for this one – if you've never seen the rare and spectacular natural bloom of the Texas Rainbow Cactus, this is your chance. Hike is rated moderate.

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April 23, starting at 7:30 a.m., photographer and expert birder Ken Stinnett will lead an amble through Dripping Springs – a great year-round bird-watching spot, but particularly vibrant during migration season – for an outing all about the many migratory birds of the high desert. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors – Bell’s Viero, Scott’s and Bullock’s Orioles, Western and Summer Tanagers and more – and a good opportunity for photographers to try for a few great shots. Binoculars are also highly recommended. There is a \$5 per-vehicle entry fee for the park.

April 30’s hike is an all-day affair – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. – as hikers head back in time and learn all about the history of the Jornada Experimental Range from historian John Smith, as well as its diverse floral ecology from plant ecologist Kristen Romig. This trek will lead the group all the way up to Rope Springs – reserve your spot early for this chance to see areas usually closed to the public. This easy-rated hike is mostly driving. Closing out SWEC’s Spring 2016 Back by Noon hikes will be the May 7 La Mancha BioBlitz, beginning at 8 a.m. and a great way to get even more involved. Join the center to document and catalog the myriad plants and animals at the La Mancha Wetland. Two months have passed since construction was completed on La Mancha; now is the time to see who has taken advantage and moved in! The center’s staff will be joined by numerous experts to seek out and tally every “bird, critter, plant and creepy crawly” that now calls the La Mancha Wet-

land home. Get ready to get muddy.

Advanced reservations for SWEC’s Back by Noon hikes are required and space is limited. Reservations can be made beginning three weeks before each hike day. Hikes are free, though some parks require additional parking fees. Don’t forget to wear sturdy, comfortable shoes and bring along the southern New Mexico staples of water, sunscreen and a hat.

For more information about the Back by Noon hike program and the Southwest Environmental Center, call 522-5552 or visit www.wildmesquite.org.

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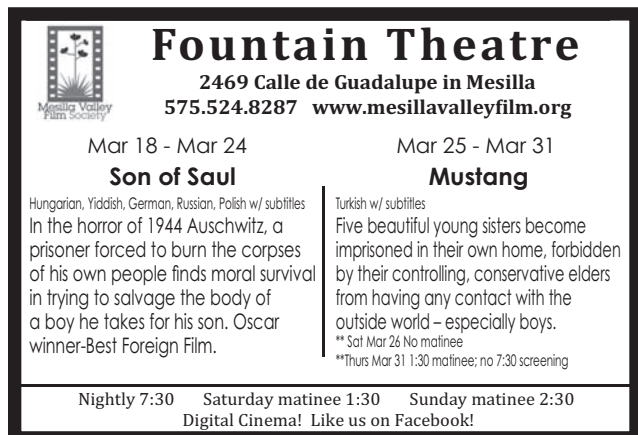
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7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a contra dance featuring music from The Muletones from Dell City. Melanie Axel-Lute, a special guest from South Orange, New Jersey, will be calling. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Blue Gramas, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. String band from Las Cruces playing old-time Appalachian fiddle music, bluegrass and country favorites, along with originals about the people and places of New Mexico. No cover. Visit www.nmvintagewines.com.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 10 Spot Comedy open-mic, Zia Pizza Company, 1605 S. Solano Drive. Live comedy open mic featuring local and regional comics. Come try being a comic! Free. Call 603-812-3797.

SAT. 3/19

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

9 a.m. to noon, DAPC Photography Boot Camp Workshop: "Getting the Camera Off of Auto Mode," Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. This Doña Ana Photography Club (DAPC) workshop will focus on understanding aperture and shutter priority settings and ISO - the exposure triangle. There will be small group, hands-on time to help participants learn how to change these settings on their own camera. Participants will then go into the downtown area to take photographs and DAPC members will be available for assistance, before returning to the workshop environment for small group discussion and to answer questions. Class is taught by DAPC Board Member Dave Brown. Classes are open to the community and anyone can attend for \$5 per class, club members attend free; individuals can join the photography club for \$15 and attend all of the workshops at no cost. E-mail registrations to education@daphotoclub.org.

9 a.m. to noon, MVM Farm volunteer day, MVM Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 805-6757 for directions or email info@mvmfarm.com.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fun in the Garden, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Come learn about gardening and the exploration of seeds. We will be planting seeds and watching them sprout and grow in the Museum's greenhouse until April 16. This will be the first session of a two-part workshop. This workshop is for children ages 7 to 10 and a parent or guardian is encouraged to attend and participate with each child. Class limit is 10 students and 10 adults, \$5 per person (Museum admission included). Call 522-4100.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum in August as the museum hosts the BLM Groundworks crew, a nonprofit organization that partners with local businesses to provide local youth with opportunities for personal and professional development by learning new skill sets and participating in community projects. This week's topic is superconductors. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S.

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11 a.m. Story Time, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Listen to a Thomas the Tank Engine book and enjoy a Thomas video while completing a related craft activity. Free. Call 647-4480.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SNAP: Finger Knitting/Bookmarks, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science and Museum of Art atrium, 491 N. Main St. Recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary learning experiences, the education staff of the Las Cruces Museums system have collaborated on a new program offering SNAP - the Science, Nature and Art Program. The program encourages visitors to embrace their artistic creativity while engaging in educational activities inspired by Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) This week's topics are finger knitting and bookmarks. Free. Call 541-2137.

1 p.m. "Peril and Promise" film screening, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Join the cultural center for the screening of the final episode of "Latina Americans: 500 Years of History" documentary series, "Peril and Promise." The Branigan Cultural Center received the six-part, NEH-supported documentary film "Latino Americans," created for PBS in 2013 by the WETA public television station. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day. There will be open discussion panels after each showing with guest speakers; this month, Christopher Schurtz will speak. Branigan Cultural Center is joined by a number of community partners on this grant: the Amador Hotel Foundation, Community Cornerstones Partnerships, La Semilla Food Center, NMSU Museum and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, as well as a number of other regional scholars, organizations and community members. Free. Call 541-2154.

2 p.m. Repujado workshop, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. In this free workshop, El Paso artist Maria Almeida Natividad leads adults and children (age 6 and older) in creating art using the ancient art of embossing or pressing shapes into metal to create a design. All materials will be provided. The metal embossing technique, called repujado in Spanish, arrived in Mexico during Spanish colonization. At that time churches were lit with candles and the smoke from candles damaged the sacred images painted on canvas, thus the change to using images painted on metal. Eventually the technique was used for decorative popular arts, not just for religious art. Mexican and South American artisans have used copper and tin for centuries to produce jewelry

and ornamental works. Natividad is an installation artist, muralist, children's book author, and art educator. She serves as the artist in residence for the University of Texas at El Paso's Chicano Studies Program and her work "Menudo: Breakfast of Champions" is featured in the museum's current exhibition "Graphicanos: Contemporary Latino Prints from the Serie Project." Advance registration for the workshop on a first-come, first-served basis is necessary due to limited space. Free. For more information or to make a reservation, visit the museum or call 541-2137.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

3:30 to 4 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music with Dixy Fix It and Beans and Crackers, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Sage Gentle-Wing, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. Acoustic and electric guitars ring true in Gentle-Wing's live solo performances. No cover. Visit www.nmvintagewines.com.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Wait For What?!, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

8 to 11 p.m. Live El Paso rockabilly with Sorry About Your Sister, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

SUN. 3/20

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Farmers Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Tea Party, Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Join us for a Sunday tea party. We offer a beautiful art-filled environment, organic loose-leaf teas by the pot and a variety of sweet, savory and spicy finger food accompaniments. Free. Call 652-7366 before, as seating is limited.

2 p.m. Bluegrass, country and folk music jam, O'Donnell Hall, corner of Williams and Gregg Streets on the NMSU campus. All players are welcome. Free. Call 405-1290.

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Live music, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society presents The Havana Quartet, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The MVJBS' monthly concert features The Havana Quartet, an El Paso band with members classically trained at the Havana Music Conservatory in Cuba, playing authentic Latin jazz. Cost \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers and \$1 students with ID. Visit <http://mvjazzblues.net>.

MON. 3/21

9 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Chris Baker and Friends, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

TUE. 3/22

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Pencil, pastel, charcoal drawing and

watercolor and acrylic painting focusing on the basic and advancing at your own pace. Taught by artist and educator Wayne Carl Huber. Adults and high school home school students are welcome. Enroll any Tuesday for four weeks at \$45. Contact Huber for supplies and more information at 647-5684.

5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$4 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango de Las Cruces, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Daniel Haverporth will teach a class from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., dances from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5, NMSU students free with ID. Call 620-0377.

WED. 3/23

7:45 to 9 a.m. Beginner Bird Walk, Tellbrook Park, 4290 E. Winchester Road. On the third Wednesday of each month, the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society guides an easy, outdoor bird walk for beginners. Learn about the avian wildlife that visits and lives in the Las Cruces area. Wear walking shoes and bring water. Binoculars are helpful, but not required. Free. Contact Jay Wilbur at jwilbur@jaysplanet.info for more information.

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5 to 8 p.m. Open Mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 1300 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 571-4350.

8 to 10 p.m. Old-time fiddle music with Los Cacahuates, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2900 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 650-2729.

THU. 3/24

9 a.m. Nature Kids: Desert Winds, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum invites kids ages 3 to 5 to learn about local flora and fauna on the fourth Thursday of each month. This week, we will learn about desert winds. We will discuss the spring winds and how they are caused by differential air pressure. We will make an anemometer to take home and measure wind with. Free. Call 522-3120.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. This intermediate and advanced class will focus on the unique concerns of each student, working in a variety of media, including watercolor, acrylic, water soluble oil paints, pastels, and colored pencil. Subject matter will comprise of still life, landscape, figure, and architectural space. Students may start classes at any time and proceed at their own pace. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Edinburgh, Scotland's Andrew Mill & 5 a.m. Rumble Strip, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

FRI. 3/25

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Mesilla Valley artists on display at Fair

By Zak Hansen
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Opening Friday, March 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, the Doña Ana Arts Council's sixth annual Las Cruces Arts Fair features juried work from more than 100 professional artists from around the world, eight of whom hail from right here in the Mesilla Valley.

Through his bright, colorful woodcut prints, artist Anthony Lazorko gives viewers a unique vision of the American experience. Lazorko worked as a commercial artist for many years after studying painting, printmaking and drawing at Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Today, from his quiet studio in the Town of Mesilla, Lazorko creates prints that bring together rich, deep colors and strong shapes on differently textured papers for a stunning result.

Approaching his craft with the mindset of a sculptor working at a micro scale, Ben Hoffacker creates jewelry pieces pleasing from all angles and indebted in design to the natural world, coming through clearly in his free-form, sculptural pieces and his depictions of wildlife.

Art lovers around town may be familiar with artists Sally Quillen and Michael Stephens, co-owners of Quillin-Stephens Gallery in Downtown Las Cruces, a fixture of the monthly First Friday Downtown Art Ramble. Quillin, a professional artist and art teacher for more than three decades, utilizes a variety of media – acrylic, pen and ink, pencil, watercolor, collage and more – creating work that lies between the realistic and the impressionistic. Photographer Stephens, with more than 50 years' experience under his belt, experiments with cutting-edge techniques and technologies in his landscapes, portraits and images of flowers and nature. Stephens works also with pencil, pen and ink and pastel.

A lifelong New Mexican and 30-year Las Cruces, self-taught artist Michael Nail has received almost no formal art education; instead, since a young age, he's had a love for drawing and painting, only recently granted the time to pursue his art full time. Nail's pencil, pen



Art by Ben Hoffacker

and ink and charcoal drawings feature the subjects he's most drawn to – Western and Native American artwork and wildlife.

From her old adobe studio and its spectacular view of the iconic Organ Mountains, artist Penny Simpson works primarily in watercolors, though also makes use of acrylic and colored pencil – her preferred medium. Simpson said her greatest joy comes from creating still-lives and flower works, starkly and dramatically lit.

Inspired by the legends of the West and the stunning landscapes of the Southwest, John Harris' sculptures give new life to his recycled and repurposed materials with his striking, large-scale metal sculptures, perfect for in the home or an outdoor space.

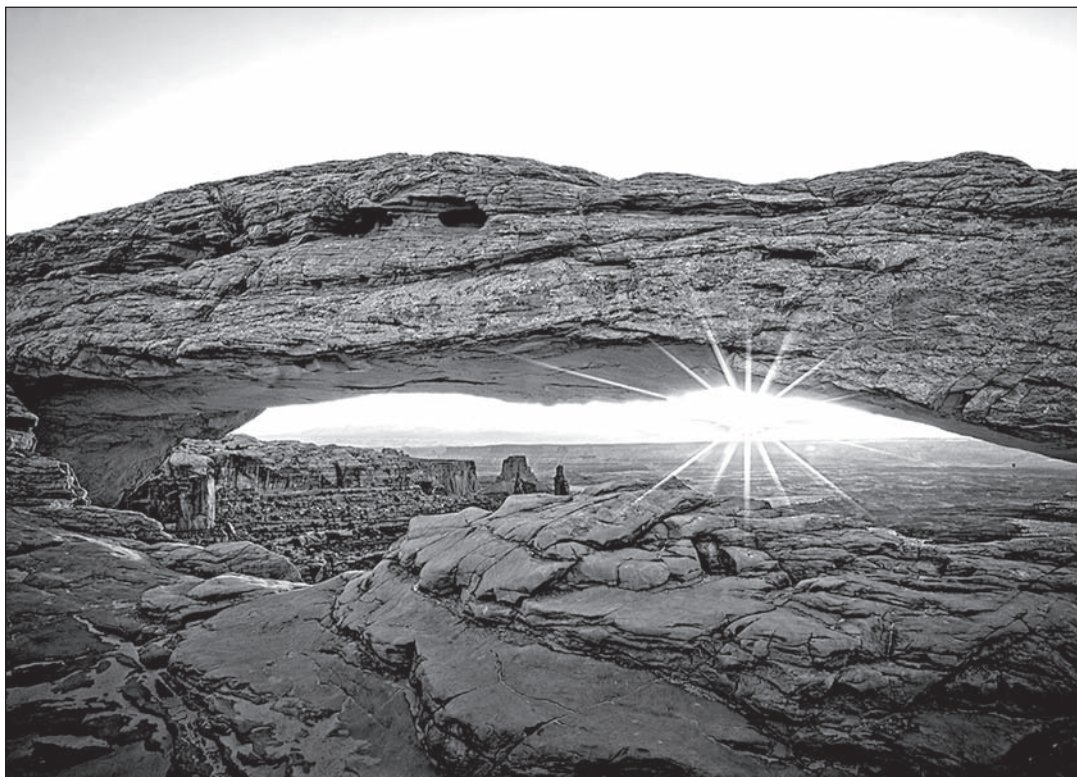
A Southwest transplant, Kathe Stark fell in love with gourd art and the near-endless possibilities the medium offers for new creative endeavors. Viewing her fleshy, hard-shelled gourd "canvases" is a natural beauty just waiting to be enhanced. Completely self-taught – and not without the requisite share of trial and error – Stark's work has evolved greatly, incorporating into her pieces wood-burned and carved designs, splashes of paint and ink, as well as found items like stones, shells and feathers.

The Las Cruces Arts Fair will be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Hours are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 per person, and children younger than 12 are admitted free. For more information, visit www.daarts.org or call the Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

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Art by Sally Quillen



Art by Michael Stephens

LCCT raises \$3,600 in first week of campaign to buy theatre building

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"My first experience (and performance) with the community theater was when it was at The Fountain Theater in La Mesilla, almost 50 years ago now. I naturally would prefer that LCCT remain right where it is, though I have little doubt that LCCT would continue even were it forced to move. But speaking as a supporter of the revitalization of our Main Street and downtown, I'm deeply concerned about the space becoming a church. All of the studies tell us that replacing retail or entertainment spaces with churches — which are essentially locked up except for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights — are death to a vibrant commercial district. And that is what Main Street is meant to be, and is at long last becoming. It would be a real shame to gut the center of our downtown theater district by turning an historic theater into something else. I feel like it would be acting against the best interests of our community to remove one of the handful of vibrant nighttime venues from Main Street. Now is the time to support LCCT, not move it."

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MARK MEDOFF

Tony-winning playwright

"I was in the first play ever done at the old State Theater — "Man of La Mancha" — after working along with many others to convert it to the new home of the Las Cruces Community Theatre. I obviously have a real emotional attachment to the place. It needs some work on the backstage side, such as a new lighting system and things are pretty crowded, but I love the place and would hate to see it not be LCCT's home."

DAVID EDWARDS

Las Cruces actor, director, teacher

"Just because a church looked at a building that is on the market does not mean the church has, or will, make an offer. We are ALL in this together — churches, building owners, artists and actors, community members and business owners alike. Our city offers us a very unique opportunity to provide public input on the direction of our city and our downtown. We just finished the latest rounds of public input last month. The community has spoken and has said that our immediate priority is bringing in retail, food and beverage establishments, entertainment and nightlife. Knowing this, in our individual roles as church leaders, building owners, artists, business owners and community members, we have an opportunity to advance these priorities. I do not believe that any church currently is or looking to come in to the downtown is against community building. In fact they offer many unique opportunities to build community; but it is important for each of us to look at what the public has expressed as its desire and then we should act accordingly. That is the only way this is going to work, each of us - ALL of the stakeholders, working together to realize a community vision for a vibrant downtown. We are so close!"

ARIANNA PARSONS

Las Cruces Downtown Partnership executive director

A campaign started earlier this month to raise money to buy the building the Las Cruces Community Theatre has occupied in downtown Las Cruces for more than 40 years had a pretty good week.

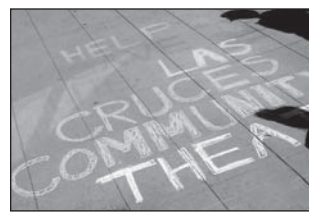
"We have raised about \$3600 more bringing us to a total of right at \$30,000 raised so far," said Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) President Janet Beatty-Payne. "But we still have a long way to go. We still need about \$20,000 to reach a 20 percent down-payment to move forward with the purchase," she said.

Beatty-Payne said the building, located at 313 N. Main St., has been placed on the market by its current owners, and a local church has expressed interest in buying it.

LCCT has put thousands of dollars into the nearly 7,000-square foot building and wants to keep it as its home, she said.

"We have even been able to afford major upgrades in our lighting equipment/system, sound system, computer technology, new projection system and special effects equipment," Beatty-Payne said. "All together, we have probably spent right around \$25,000 on these upgrades in the last three years. I remember hearing that LCCT spent \$40,000 in 1999 or 2000 to replace all of the seating.

"We are putting on high-quality shows that we are proud to present to our Las Cruces audience," she said. "We do take great pride in our work and are very selective when we choose our seasons and our directors to make sure we put on quality productions. We have an amazing talent pool that comes out from the community to perform in our shows and to do tech work. We have



about 400 devoted season tickets holders who love our theatre."

One of LCCT's fundraising efforts last week was asking for donations in front of the theatre during last weekend's Farmers and Crafts Market on the downtown mall, said Beatty-Payne. She also has set up a fundraising account at generosity.com. To make a donation, visit <https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/save-the-las-cruces-community-theatre>.

For more information on LCCT and its capital campaign, visit <http://www.lcctnm.org/>.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Theater volunteer supporters appeal to shoppers at the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market for donations to keep the community theater in its long-time home.

march for babies

march of dimes
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KAYA SURVIVED!
Born 4 months early and spent more than 5 months in the hospital.

Sign up at marchforbabies.org

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GOLD SPONSORS: BIG 5, LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS, Bulletin, KGBT, CHRYSLER, ARAMS, Special Pe Quil

Las Cruces March for Babies
7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30
Albert Johnson Park
200 E. Picacho Ave.

2016 March Chairman
Jeff Flores and family

Premature birth is the #1 killer of babies.

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

THE THEATRE GALLERY presents the work of Abby Osborne during the month of March. Osborne has been a lifelong artist. She creates using several mediums, including painting, drawing, and fiber art. Her work combines multiple layers of patterns, symbolism, and spirituality. Abby has earned a BFA in painting from Arizona State University, a BA in Art/Graphic Design as well as a AS in computer graphics and a Masters in Learning Technologies from New Mexico State University. Abby is a Professor in the Digital Graphics Program at Dona Ana Community College. She combines her love of color, textures, perspective, and design through the healing spirituality of quilting. She is inspired by nature and the pure beauty of color and shapes and places an emphasis on the tactile shared vision of spiritual solemnity. Each piece is an original design that is machine pieced and hand quilted. The art quilts and her paintings demonstrate her love to create. Osborne's show will remain on display through Sunday, March 20.

thetheatregallery is located inside the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The gallery is open one hour before show times Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. For more information, call 523-1223.

ONGOING

CUTTER GALLERY presents "Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes," an exhibit by artist Rosemary McLoughlin. "Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" will remain on display through

April 20.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents a series of photographs by artist Bree Lamb, "Volley." Lamb is a photographer living and working in Las Cruces. "Volley" will remain on display through the first weekend of April.

Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents its 2016 Juried Student Show, juried by artist and current Border Artist Resident Alejandro Almanza Pereda, whose work can be found in collections including the Goetz Collection, Kadist Collection, Arizona State University Museum, Museo Del Barrio in New York, Colección Jumex in Mexico City and Museo de Arte de Lima, Peru. The exhibition features a wide range of artwork created by both undergraduate and graduate students from any major at the NMSU main campus. The Juried Student Show presents a wonderful opportunity for students to demonstrate their talent and skills while engaging with their community. The 2016 Juried Student Show remains on display through Thursday, April 2.

The NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit <http://uag.nmsu.edu> or call 646-2545.



"Light Affects," an exhibit of work from Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen, remains on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, through April 3. See more of her work on B10 and 11.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "3-Dimensional Journey" by Lois Duffy. Inspired by the shifting perspectives and fractured planes created by cubist artists, Duffy utilizes acrylic paint, canvas stretched over small wooden frames, and cubes of hollow blocks of wood arranged into unique configurations. Her technique, which breaks the traditional two-dimensional painting surface, urges the viewer to explore each portrait and landscape to find new detail, content, movement and depth from multiple vantage points. "3-Dimensional Journey" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

The center also presents "Reflections: African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection," which tells a story of community and place through a selection of paintings, photographs, textile pieces, and works on paper from the collection

of renowned costume designer and arts patron, Myrna Colley-Lee. The imagery in "Reflections" focuses primarily on narrative works and landscapes of everyday life, past and present, and includes such noted artists as Elizabeth Catlett, Romare Bearden, Gwen Knight, Betye Saar, James Van Der Zee, and Eudora Welty. Thoughtfully co-curated by René Paul Barilleaux and Susan Lloyd McClamroch and organized by International Arts and Artists, "Reflections" allows viewers to connect the strong tradition of storytelling by African Americans, with the sense of place that is largely unique to Southerners. "Reflections" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

SEE GALLERIES, PAGE B10

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

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	5						3	
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2	7		8					

CHALLENGER

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	8	5	6	9	1	3	2	7	4
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	7	9	5	1	3	4	6	2	8
	1	3	2	9	6	8	4	5	7

BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

FROM HERE TO THERE

- | ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|----------------|----------------|
| CROSSING | TRAVESÍA |
| EXCURSION | EXCURSIÓN |
| EXPEDITION | EXPEDICIÓN |
| FLIGHT | VUELO |
| LONG WALK | CAMINATA |
| SAFARI | SAFARI |
| STEP BY STEP | PASO A PASO |
| TO DRIVE | MANEJAR |
| TO MIGRATE | EMIGRAR |
| TO TAKE A TRIP | HACER UN VIAJE |
| TO TRAVEL | VIAJAR |
| TOUR | GIRA |

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Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

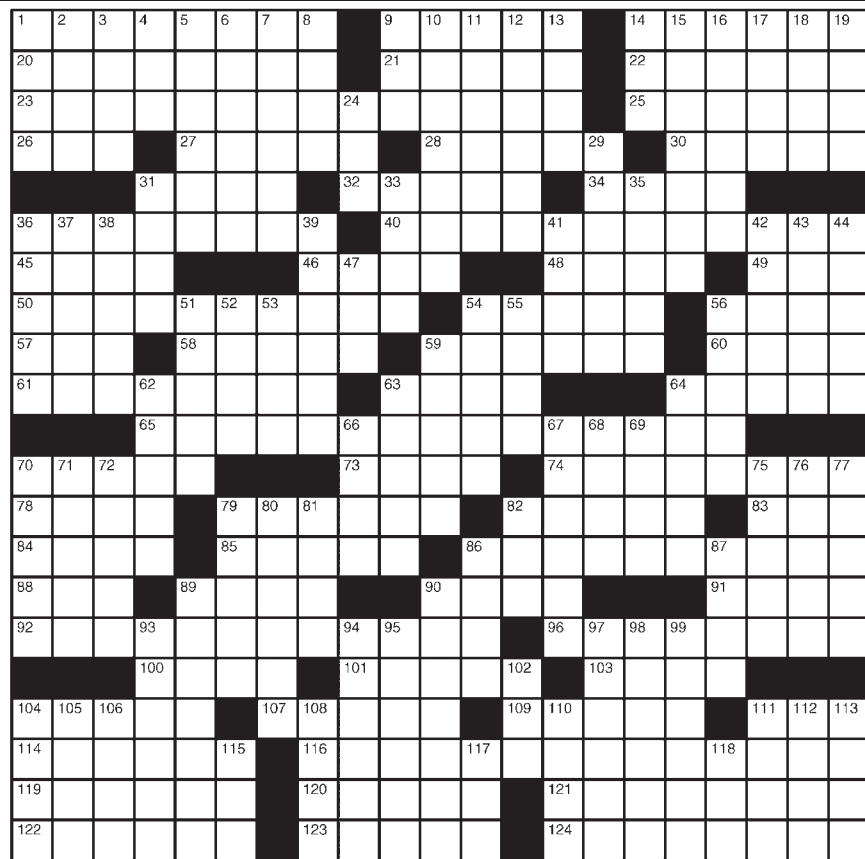
- ACROSS**
- Cooking utensil
 - Network that airs "Big Brother"
 - Louvre pieces
 - negotiable
 - Dollar is declining against it
 - Microwave
 - Small island
 - Civil wrong
 - Fore part of a ship
 - Camel's hair fabric
 - Little sip
 - That hurt!
 - Obama, for one
 - Voting event
 - Anecdotal collection
 - Circumference part
 - British poet, Hughes
 - Send-off word
 - Type of sheet
 - American Heart Association (abbr.)
 - Id counterpart
 - Demographic segment
 - Spanish sun
 - Lingerie
 - Enraged
 - Cartridge contents
 - Cake dressing
 - Genevan water
 - Thing legally
 - Roman eggs
 - Internet service provider, for short
 - Hair styling substance
 - Visit
 - Event for a band to play at
 - Comic character exclamation
 - Innsbruck action
 - Fawn over
 - Fish-eating bird
 - Study of the mechanical arts
 - E or direct?
 - Green light
 - Said after a good massage
 - Modernize
 - Polish
 - Chart
 - Parapsychological phenomena (abbr.)
 - Sabbatical period
 - Hindmost
 - Pie in the
 - Et al cousin

- DOWN**
- Pizzazz
 - "Town"
 - Stepped
 - Peter the Great, for one
 - Rum cake
 - Scuffle
 - Teenage woe
 - Amtrak track
 - Use a keyboard
 - Person, place or thing
 - "The Lord of the Rings" bad guy/warrior
 - Extreme, of degree
 - Be indebted to
 - "Hot to Handle" '38 film
 - Sumo wrestling ground
 - man show
 - Military units
 - Beach house
 - Give it a go
 - Martini addition
 - Heretofore
 - Governmental power related
 - Whale substance used in perfumery
 - Lady
 - Mythical bird
 - Bird with bladelike bill
 - Dollar bill number
 - Gallery open to the air on at least one side
 - Maria
 - Compass point
 - Politician's presentation
 - Girl's club (abbr.)
 - D-Day commander
 - Ages and ages
 - Large pond fish
 - Delump flour
 - Mischievous fairy
 - Workout milieus
 - Inside data loss
 - Catch a glimpse of
 - A sticky roll
 - US coast
 - Stylish
 - Shout out
 - Oracle
 - Degree in business
 - Wiedersehen (German)
 - Green (band)
 - Rock

TRIPLE LETTERS

- ACROSS**
- Jonathan Swift or Marn Twain, for example
 - Spherical
 - Break out
 - Opera-like musical composition
 - Adams (actress/wife of Steve McQueen)
 - Ogler
 - Gridiron group
 - More spiningtingling
 - Years, to Yves
 - Splits
 - Type of Alec
 - Brings up
 - Got up
 - Old sub
 - Stat start
 - Procrastinators
 - Past tolerance
 - Radio host Don
 - Eye part
 - Melodies
 - Deli bread
 - Play by Shakespeare
 - Graded positions
 - Naked
 - Quarterback Manning
 - Unwanted plant growth
 - Music from the West Indies
 - Kind of rock or rain
 - Tree with five-lobed leaves
 - Very big cut of beef
 - Eye sores
 - Duel
 - Words of wisdom
 - Population center
 - Column in a wall
 - Like Silver's rider
 - Opens an envelope, furtively
 - Yiddish thief
 - One of the Parisians
 - Bone: pref.
 - Soda shop drinks
 - Leaves in the direction of
 - Across, in verse
 - Similar to
 - Heap
 - Accusatory words from Caesar
 - Best type of voting
 - Kennedy insider Ted

- DOWN**
- Verse writer
 - Joining
 - Flex
 - Word on an invoice
 - Chinese province
 - Attention-getting sounds
 - Exclamation of discovery
 - Writer Jong and others
 - 18th-century British statesman
 - Adventurous rogue
 - Sharp
 - Skyrocketing
 - Burns with hot liquid
 - British political party
 - Iron welders
 - Parlor piece
 - Elvis Presley
 - New Mexico city
 - Addams Family cousin
 - Whiskey cocktail
 - Aggressive poker table comment
 - Cloud lining
 - Lacquered metalware
 - Individual
 - Causes
 - Whopper's rival
 - Solution extracted using a solvent
 - Bucks and does
 - Compass pt.
 - Sound systems
 - Letter-directing words
 - Coloratura's piece
 - Look searchingly
 - Goofs
 - Baton Rouge sch.
 - Horse-drawn vehicle
 - Hasty
 - Plural of bonus
 - Trigger, for one
 - More dreadful



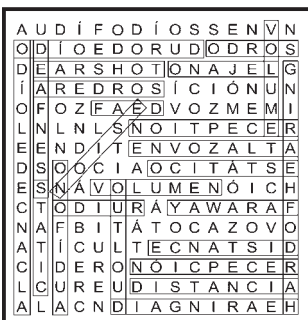
- Writer Zola
- Clear
- Playground rides
- Zest
- Dick of the funnies
- High nest: var.
- Requirements
- Berlin ice
- On the alert
- Collection biz
- Shannon and Crandall
- Towel off again
- Old
- Tubbings
- Mob meelees
- MacDonald's sleuth Travis
- Does the crawl
- Faculty

- Get lost!
- Forceful flows
- Sports column?
- Intestinal prefix
- Standoffish
- Doctor, often
- Cavern, in poetry
- Clumps of hair
- Modern mail
- TV oldie
- Grin
- Make off with, biblically
- GE part
- Hair treatment
- Chinese leader?
- Ward (off)
- Dance wear
- Indicate

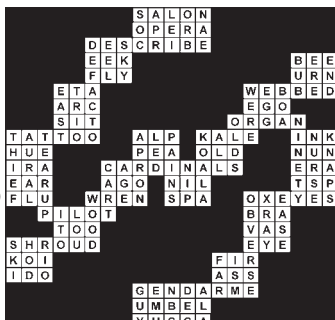
- Of a major saga
- Mississippi city
- Where to find three men?
- Compliant one
- Way off
- Follows
- Slangy negative
- Cong. people
- Actor Stoltz
- Isinglass
- Iridescent gem
- Rope fiber
- Shrek, for one
- Will name
- Tolkien baddies
- Signal for help
- Part of Y.T.
- Dissenting votes

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa



Diagramless



Ouch



CRYPTOGRAM

J I J U M D H R L J A U P P X O
 D X P K H J L P I X J P U M G T
 D U M B P X T E X P E D X J A H O .
 L F P T R P X L D J U G T F D B P
 D G A L A I U A M M J U E
 D R K H D J U L D U R P O .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 The new math teacher said he would extend the class curriculum to include extradition.

GALLERIES

FROM PAGE B8

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents "Inspiring Vision," an exhibition of work from full- and part-time NMSU faculty members Glenn Schwaiger, Bree Lamb, Abby Osborne and Cheryl Fallstead. The art represents several programs at the community college including the art, creative media technology and digital graphics programs. The art program at DACC supports students who have a broad interest in the arts, offering students a multicultural examination of the principles and philosophies of art. The art program supports students seeking introductory skills in a range of studio classes including ceramics, printmaking, drawing and painting. The CMT/DGT program trains specialists to design printed materials and web sites, produce videos and films and participate in game design. The two options for students include a two-year Associate of Science program and a certificate program. Both programs merge design and digital media. The program brings together technologies, including print media, web design, multimedia, digital photography, animation and digital film. "Inspiring Vision" will remain on display through the end of March.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

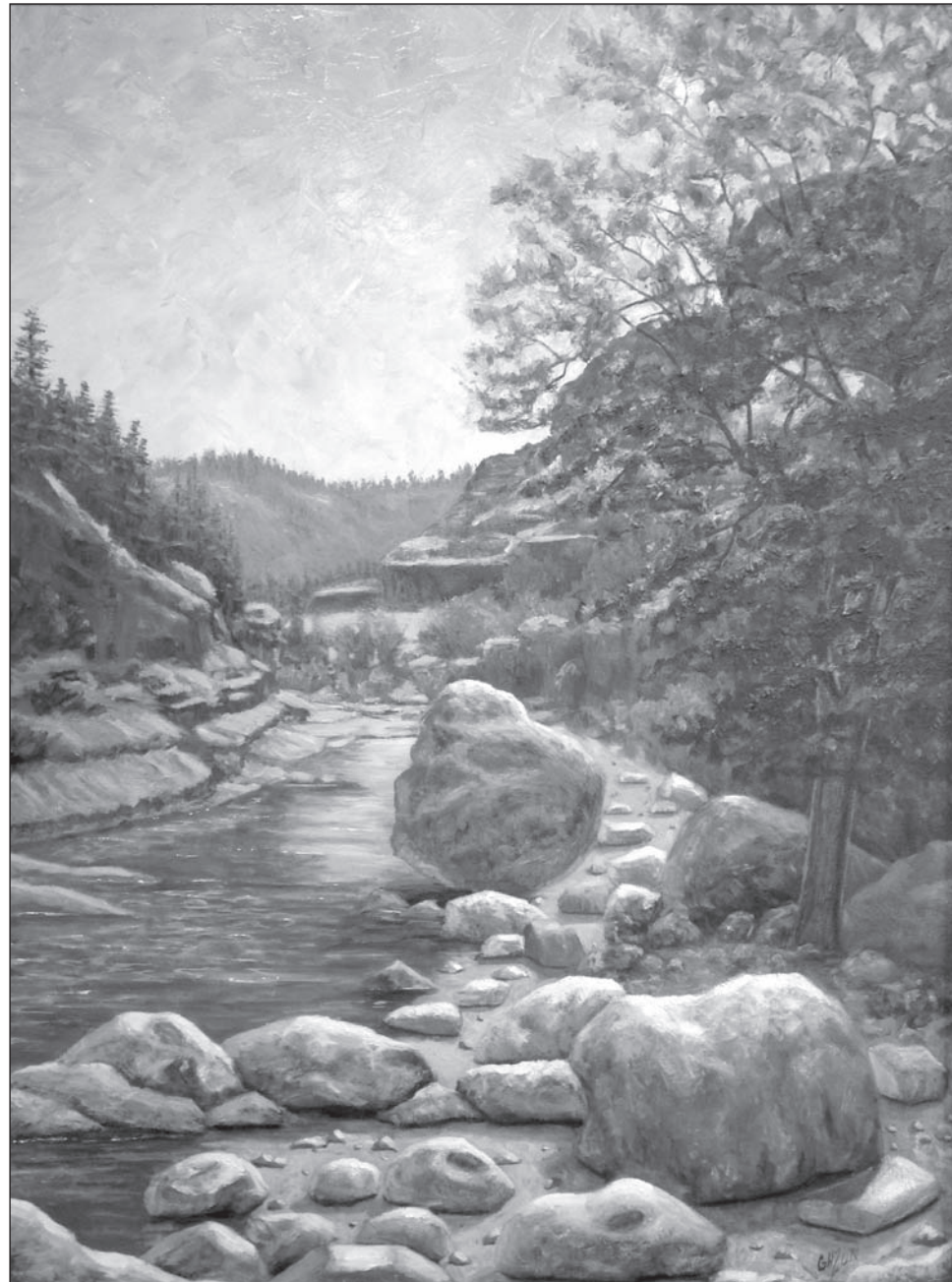
QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY presents the work of featured artist Jan Addy for the month of March. Addy is a watercolorist and member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. After working with many different aspects of art, Addy found New Mexico has the perfect light and subject matter for the glowing and unpredictable medium of watercolor. She said she strives to give up a "bit of control" and watch the water flow. Addy's show will remain on display through the end of March.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

MAS ART presents an exhibit of the work of artist Luis Navarro. Navarro is a storyteller; inspired by life's philosophies and experiences, he takes advantage of all mediums and colors to convey his designs into reality. Coming from California, Navarro studied at the Los Angeles Academy of Art, but has been an artist as long as he can remember. Navarro's show will remain on display through the end of March.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

GALLERY AT BIG PICTURE presents "Reflections on Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert" by fine artist Matt Henn. Henn, a New Yorker by birth, has recently moved to Las Cruces from Texas, where his deep appreciation of the desert landscape began. He is self-taught and has been applying his craft for more than 20 years. He's had one man shows in New York, Dallas and San Antonio. "The desert of the southwest is a



myriad of shape and color and ruggedness and certainly beauty," Henn said. "At times I apply the principles of light and shadow and tone, but I do not believe this is all there is. Emotions and feelings that the desert landscape offers up are part of what I attempt to convey." Henn's style often reflects what he sees beyond the apparent. His love of desiccated spaces is not only the inspiration for his artistic journey, but also the basis for his decision to move to Southern New Mexico. "Reflections on Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert" will remain on display through the end of March.

Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "Another Brush with Color," an exhibit of new works from Las Cruces artists Marie Siegrist and Penny Simpson. Working primarily in realism, Siegrist creates watercolors as an expression of her observations of color, light, and shadow. Since moving to New Mexico, the desert and mountains have become a recurring theme. Simpson studied graphic design at Prairie State College in Illinois, but her main interest was illustration. She paints primarily with acrylics and watercolors in a very realistic style. Still life,

fruit and flowers are her primary subjects. "Another Brush with Color" will remain on display through May 20.

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two local artists for the month of Pat Burnett and Rayma Claessen. Burnett finds inspiration in the works of the old master and three-dimensional subjects on Masonite. Claessen is noted for her beautiful landscapes and her miniature collections of the local Organ Mountains. In addition, the 30 artists of the Gallery offer art in many media's, which include original paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused glass art jewelry, unique one of a kind woodturning objects, stained glass, photography, mixed media, unusual decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, art tile, affordable natural quality gems stone jewelry, prints, cards, miniature paintings and handcrafted basket weavings.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Graphicanos: Contemporary Latino Prints from the Serie Project," featuring serigraph prints from the archives of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Fort Wayne, Texas, by Latino artists exploring cultural issues of the Latino community throughout the United States. The Serie Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Sam Coronado in 1993 in Austin, Texas, promotes the fire art of serigraphy. In the past two decades, the organization has fostered over 250 artists from different professional levels and ethnic backgrounds, who together have produced a rare and special collection of serigraphs reflecting the Mexican American and Latino experience in the United States. "Graphicanos" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

CAMINO TATTOO AND FINE ART GALLERY presents "To Know through Movement," an art exhibition featuring work from Las Cruces artists Michael Poncé, Sydnie Roper, Deret Roberts, Saba and Lea WiseSurguy-Sophilazo, curated by Michelle Lanteri. Said Lanteri, "The exhibition considers all realms of accumulating knowledge through movement. It explores the experiential nature of movement in art practice, be it spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological or emotional. In this show, we are looking at the artist's journey of making a work, as both a way of being and a series of movements to understand his or her questions about life." "To Know through Movement" will remain on display through Saturday, March 26.

Camino Tattoo and Fine Art Gallery is located at 501 E. Hadley Ave. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 523-1012 or visit <http://caminotattooostudio.com>.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, presents the work of Las Cruces Arts Association members, as well as featuring artist Sandy Marshall for the month of March. Marshall's first camera was a red plastic Kodak Brownie. Later her father showed her how to use his 35 mm Kodak and hand-held light meter, and to process film in a plastic canister over the kitchen sink. Degrees in Anthropology and Public History led to careers as an itinerant archaeologist and then as an architectural historian with the National Park Service. The Kodaks led first to a Konica 35 mm, then a Nikon, and eventually a Cannon digital. While living in Santa Fe she took classes with nationally known photographers Craig Varjabedian and Siegfried Halus. Currently she lives in Las Cruces with her historian husband George Matthews and Fog the Cat, and works to sharpen her skills in writing and photography.

Art on Easels Gallery is located inside the Community Enterprise Center at 125 N. Main St. Art on Easels Gallery is open from 5 to 7 p.m. during each First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, visit www.lascrucesarts.com.

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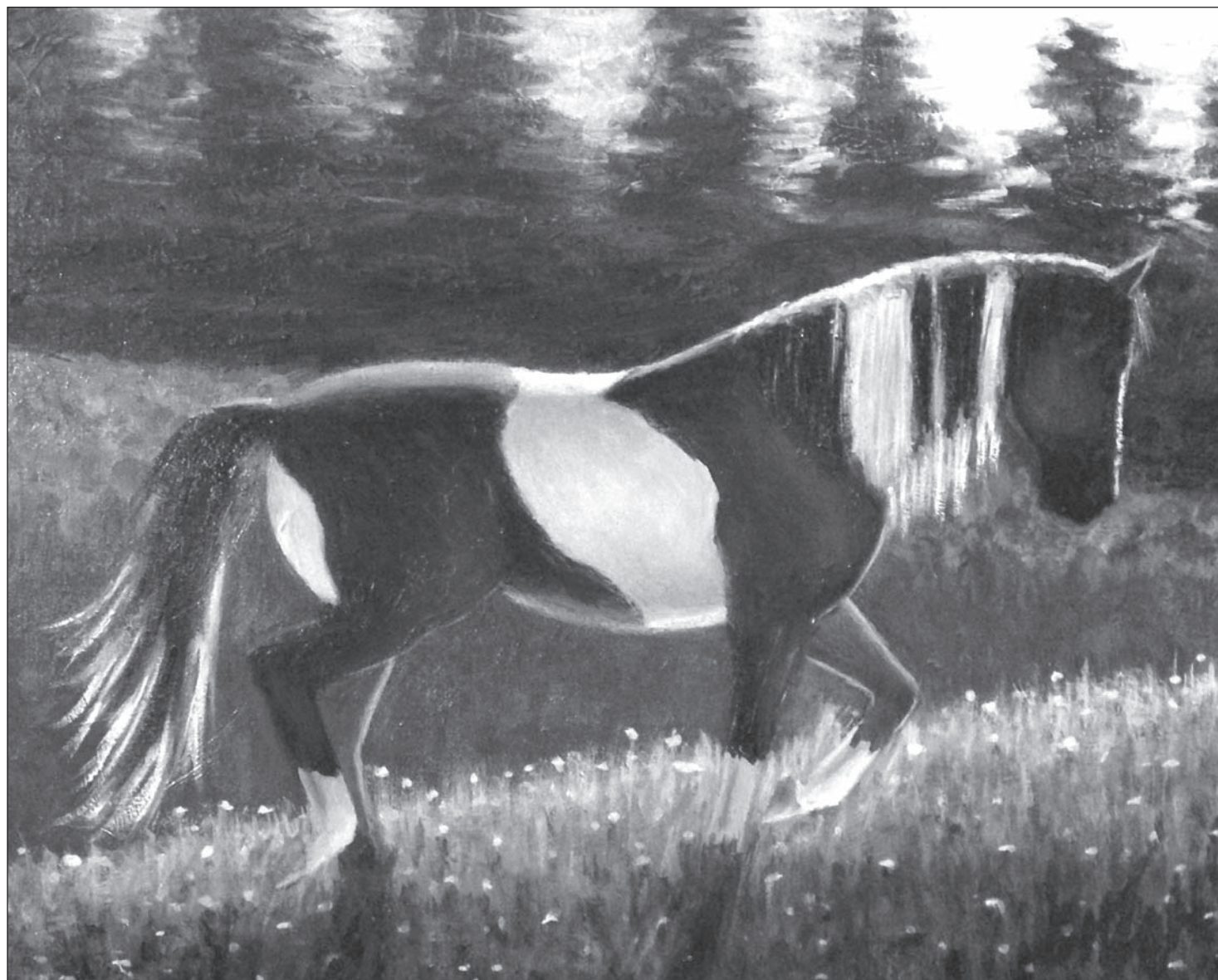
NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents in its north corridor "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico," an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico's bountiful nut crops. Each of the state's top nuts – piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios – has its own story to tell about how and why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. "In a Nutshell" will remain on display through Sept. 25.

The museum presents in its arts corridor "Linda Hagen: Light Affects." New Mexico always has been renowned for the effects of its light and its attractiveness to artists. Light affects the way we view this beautiful state, and in this collection of paintings by Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen, she accepts the challenge of capturing light on canvas – on form, distance and color. A love of animals, the West and nature inspire Hagen's work. "Light Affects" will remain on display through Sunday, April 3.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children ages 4 to 17, \$2 active U.S. military and veterans and free for children age 3 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.

DESERT ROOTS ARTISTS' MARKET AND GALLERY features works by local artists and a cozy café area.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery is located at 1001 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 6



p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 652-7366.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools

and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several

historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

Call to Artists

Tombaugh Gallery seeks regional artists

The Tombaugh Gallery is calling for regional artists within a 300-mile radius of Las Cruces to submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2017 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Submissions should contain a letter of proposal with information about the artist, type of work to be shown and USB flash drive containing eight representative images as JPEG files. For group shows, supply a list of all members and 1 or 2 images from each member.

If a show theme is being considered, please explain the theme fully. The Tombaugh Gallery has 44 linear feet for wall display and has several pedestals.

Submissions should be post-marked no later than Friday, April 1. Submissions will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified by Sunday, May 1, at which time possible show dates will be discussed. Artists/shows not selected will be notified at the same time.

Artists who prefer to send an electronic submission may contact Judy Licht at jelicht@gmail.com for instructions.

Address submissions to: Judy Licht, Committee Chairperson, c/o Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

For more information on Tombaugh Gallery, visit www.uu-churchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery.

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum seeks tour guides

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, is looking for volunteers to be tour guides during the spring 2016 season. Tour guides help the museum teach visitors about the rich cultural legacy of New Mexico by taking students

through the museum. Enrich your own knowledge of New Mexico agricultural history at the same time. For more information, call Debbi Holderby at 522-4100 ext. 116.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is accepting applications for exhibitions and encourages artists to stop by the gallery to learn more. Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery seeks artists

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive, extends a call to artists in all media to showcase works in February and March. Submissions now being considered. For more information, call Cynthia at 652-7366.

Tularosa MERC seeks member artists

The MERC, Tularosa's newest art and art gift cooperative on historic Granado St. in Tularosa is now accepting new artist memberships. Many details to share and many benefits. For more information contact greatrepnm@gmail.com.

AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD *March 22*

Daddy's Home

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg
Director: Sean Anders

The Letters

Rated: PG
Starring: Drama
Starring: Juliet Stevenson, Max Von Sydow
Director: William Riead

The Hunger Games: Mockinjay Part 2

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, family
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Willow Shields
Director: Francis Lawrence

Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension

Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Chris J. Murray, Brit Shaw
Director: Gregory Plotkin

Top-grossing *March 11-13*

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| 1 Zootopia (Week No. 2)
\$57,339,887 | 6 The Young Messiah (Week No. 1)
\$3,294,876 |
| 2 10 Cloverfield Lane (Week No. 1)
\$24,702,752 | 7 The Brothers Grimsby (Week No. 1)
\$3,258,327 |
| 3 Deadpool (Week No. 5)
\$10,942,304 | 8 Gods of Egypt (Week No. 3)
\$2,546,473 |
| 4 London Has Fallen (Week No. 2)
\$10,836,078 | 9 Risen (Week No. 4)
\$2,282,208 |
| 5 Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (Week No. 2)
\$4,665,013 | 10 The Revenant (Week No. 12)
\$2,056,262 |

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

London Has Fallen

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Mike Banning uncovers a plot to assassinate all world leaders, set to visit London for the Prime Minister's funeral.
Starring: Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman
Director: Babak Najafi



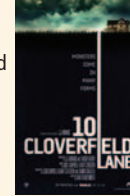
Kung Fu Panda 3

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Po faces off against two epic threats – one supernatural and one much closer to home.
Starring: Jack Black, Angelina Jolie (voices)
Director: Alessandro Carloni, Jennifer Yuh



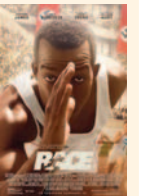
10 Cloverfield Lane

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After an accident, a woman awakens, held in an underground cellar by a survivalist who claims a worldwide chemical attack has left the outside world uninhabitable.
Starring: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Goodman



Race

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Track star Jesse Owens is thrust onto the world stage at the 1936 Olympics, facing off against the Germans and crushing Adolf Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy.
Starring: Stephan James, Jason Sudekis
Director: Stephens Hopkins



Deadpool

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A Special Forces op turned mercenary undergoes an experiment giving him advanced healing powers, taking on the alter ego Deadpool.
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin
Director: Tim Miller



How to be Single

Plot Overview: New Yorkers Alice, Robin, Lucy, Meg, Tom and David all have in common the need to learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love.
Starring: Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson
Director: Christian Ditter



The Brothers Grimsby

Rated: R
Plot Overview: An international spy takes a mission where he must team with his football hooligan brother.
Starring: Sacha Baron Cohen, Mark Strong
Director: Louis Leterrier



Zootopia

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: In the animal city of Zootopia, police bunny Judy Hopps and con artist fox Nick Wilde team up to uncover a conspiracy
Starring: Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman (voices)
Director: Byron Howard, Rich Moore



The Witch

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A 1930s New England family falls victim to the forces of possession, witchcraft and black magic.
Starring: Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Ineson
Director: Robert Eggers



Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A journalist recounts her time covering the wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
Starring: Margot Robbie, Tina Fey
Director: Glenn Ficarra, John Requa



Gods of Egypt

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Bek, a mortal, teams with the god Horus in their fight against Set, the god of darkness who has taken Egypt's throne.
Starring: Brenton Thwaites, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau
Director: Alex Proyas



The Young Messiah

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The story of Jesus Christ at age 7, as he and his family return to Nazareth, following as he grows into his religious identity.
Starring: Sean Bean, David Bradley



The Divergent Series: Allegiant

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Tris must escape with Four beyond the wall surrounding Chicago to discover the shocking truth about what lies beyond.
Starring: Shailene Woodley, Zoë Kravitz
Director: Robert Schwentke



Miracles from Heaven

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young girl with a rare disease finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident.
Starring: Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers
Director: Patricia Riggan



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'Son of Saul' hard to watch, necessary to see

By Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Certainly one of the deepest, darkest films you will ever see, 'Son of Saul', the first (and amazing) film from Hungarian director László Nemes is something you might not forget.

The film takes place during the latter part of World War II, the fall of 1944 and is based, at least in part, on a true story.

Saul Auslander, a prisoner, is a Sonderkommando, one of a small group of men who, for one reason or another, whether it be personal choice or by force, are made to help the Nazis at the death camps. Often, they were the ones who ushered in and removed the bodies/ashes of the detainees who had been murdered. Some of their other forced duties included rummaging through the suitcases of those who had just arrived, to cull things of value to be sent back to Germany.

Saul does most of these duties. How-

ever, one day, he happens upon a young boy in the gas chamber who has not died. He tries, with very little help from other prisoners, to save the boy, to no avail, but he is able to secret the body, while trying every means possible to find a Rabbi who will perform the proper ceremony for the deceased.

The boy, we figure, may or may not be his son. Saul tries bribes, threats, and every other means possible to make his wish happen, while in the background (listen for the background sounds in this film... they are very important to the story... they go well beyond the minimalist dialogue) an uprising (true story) is being planned.

(The story takes place at Birkenau, part of the Auschwitz 'complex' of 40 camps/sub-camps, where a real uprising took place, but ultimately failed)

The identity of the boy is never made clear. Some viewers may see the boy as Saul's son, or perhaps as symbol of Saul's breaking point, the incarnation of the crimes and insults to Saul's people coming to a head in a single corpse.

Whichever way one opts to see it, "Son of Saul" is a better work if the boy is not really Saul's son, and rather, his fixation is a somewhat illogical retort to the senselessness of what his life has become.

Nemes, in an offhand way, also offers us a look at some of the different ways

that the Nazi's killed people. There is a distinct lack of emphasis on this, which makes it all that more effective, like the aforementioned sounds in the background of so many of the scenes.

We also hear the 'language' of the camps... "Burn the pieces," is the term used by the Germans rather than 'burn the bodies'.

Dead children are offered as 'it' and in one scene, one of the Sonderkommandos notes that an attractive young woman gave him a 'look', while on her way to her death, his observation is that there was some kind of nonverbal communication between them. It offers the idea of a normal human connection existing in a place where no such thing could possibly exist. 'Son of Saul' can almost be too much to bear, but bear it you must, since we must never forget the history of cruelty and barbarism thrust upon us by people who claim to be human beings, then and now.

FILM REVIEW

Son of Saul opens for a week run at the Fountain Theatre, thanks to the Mesilla Valley Film Society. March 18 is opening night. The film is in several languages, including German, Yiddish, and Hungarian, with subtitles.

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3,800 attend film festival

Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) Executive Director Ross Marks said the festival welcomed about 3,800 visitors in its first year, and screened more than 60 films.

The festival went “really, really well,” Marks said. Forty-four filmmakers attended, “which is just incredible,” he said.

Marks said the festival’s feature attraction, film and television actor Danny Trejo, “couldn’t have been more gracious or available.” Trejo, he said, helped present films, signed autographs, posed for pictures, interacted with students and participated in question and answer sessions.

The films shown at LCIFF were “really high quality,” and the community support the festival received was tremendous, said Marks, who is an assistant professor at New Mexico State University’s Creative Media Institute and an award-winning filmmaker.


For more information and list of festival winners, visit <http://www.lciffest.com/>.





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‘Wolff’s Law’ snares film contest award

Bulletin report

Borderlands Media, the distribution arm of Las Cruces-based PRC Productions, announced the movie “Wolff’s Law” won the first Sins Of Man Short Film Contest.

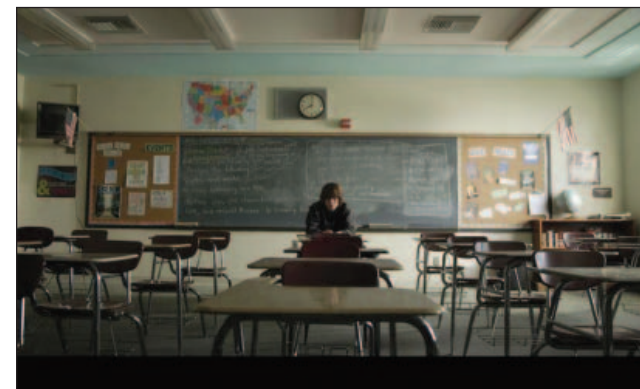
Written and directed by Creative Media Institute alumnus Sheridan O’Donnell, “Wolff’s Law” was the recipient of a \$5,000 grand prize, presented by PRC Productions CEO Troy Scoughton Sr. on Thursday, March 3, as part of the Las Cruces International Film Festival.

The 28-minute short was also contracted by Borderlands Media to be the anchor film in the upcoming anthology series, tentatively titled “Lady Belladonna’s Night Shades,” which will be produced and shot primarily in Las Cruces.

Starring Brendan Meyer

(“The Guest”, “Fear The Walking Dead”), Wolff’s Law explores what can happen to a person when he feels like he has nowhere to turn. Set one year after the attacks on the World Trade Center, when America was still in a state of shock and paranoia, a lonely and desperate teenage boy becomes the target of bullies and undergoes a frightening transformation in the name of revenge.

With fellow CMI alumni Keagan Karnes and Jon Foley (“Buffalo”) acting as producers, and Matt Wilson (“Odd Way Home”, “Dead River”) acting as director of photography, “Wolff’s Law” was shot in Albuquerque during the winter of 2014 and finalized in the summer of 2015. PRC Productions is a Las Cruces-based, full-service production company



COURTESY PHOTO

The short film ‘Wolff’s Law’ stars Brendan Meyer and explores what can happen to a person when he has nowhere to turn.

formed in June 2010. Since that time, it has produced several features (“Truth,” “Johnny Tabor’s Eaters,” “Frankenstein Vs. The Mummy” and “Day Of The Mummy” starring Danny Glover), short films (“Life On Mars”, “Quimera,” “Perfect”), award-winning documentaries (“Spirit Ranch”), commercials and television programs, including “Pláticas”, currently airing on KRWG-TV, Thursday nights at 9:30pm.

Borderlands Media LLC was launched in the summer of 2015 to provide independent filmmakers the

best opportunity to have their films marketed to major retail/rental outlets, Cable, VOD, Worldwide Distribution and Limited Theatrical viewing. To find out more about PRC Productions, visit www.PRC-Productions.com. For more on Borderlands Media LLC, visit www.BorderlandsMedia.com or call 652-3836. For more information on “Wolff’s Law” and “Lady Belladonna’s Night Shades,” media outlets may contact David Salcido at 571-7694 or via email at David.S@BorderlandsMedia.com.

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Spring forward into the hottest home décor



As the days get longer and homeowners take to spring cleaning and redecorating, popular décor trends are springing up all over. In the kitchen, gray is the new white: shades of gray for cabinets are hot in culinary circles this year. Also making a splash is a new low-maintenance granite composite sink.

Interior designers are pushing healthy home décor that looks good, too. Exotic pink Himalayan salts are popping up in healthy houses this spring.

Another big thing this year: religious iconography. Designers are filling homes with the comforting and beautiful symbols of the church.



Salts

Salts: Pink Himalayan salt, commonly used in cooking in place of other table salt, and in personal products such as bath salts, are available at Bed, Bath and Beyond, 2200 E. Lohman. Himalayan salt is predominantly sodium chloride (95-98%), contaminated with 2-3% polyhalite and small amounts of ten other minerals. The pink color is due to the presence of iron oxide.

Angel art and crosses: Religious iconography is a popular trend in home décor for 2016, along with the color gray for kitchen cabinets. A metal angel and artistic crucifixes are on display at Kitchen Kraft and Lights of Las Cruces, 980 N. Telshor Blvd.

Granite sink: Designers and homeowners are opting for a new granite composite sink that doesn't scratch and is maintenance-free. The hot-ticket sinks run in the upper middle range in price. A variety of styles and colors are on their way to Kitchen Kraft and Lights of Las Cruces, 980 N. Telshor Blvd.



Crosses



Granite sink



Angel art

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SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Home and Garden Show draws big crowds

Hundreds of visitors were welcomed by more than 60 vendors at the 35th annual Las Cruces Home Builders Association Home and Garden Show, held Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Vendor offerings included solar energy, burglar alarms, remodeling, banks and credit unions, Habitat for Humanity, cabinetry, pool tables, Bundt cakes, blinds, pools,

spas, Realtors, lawn care, the New Mexico State University Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Services' master gardener program and much more.

More than a dozen speakers and demonstrations took place on the Las Cruces Bulletin-sponsored demonstration stage throughout the show on everything from gardening and safety training to raising chickens and crafting with kids.



"Bubba" doing a safety demonstration at the Las Cruces Bulletin demonstration stage during the Home and Garden Show on March 5 and 6.

PHOTO BY MIKE COOK



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Tunde Adejokin, 5, enjoyed playing with a pinball machine at the Las Cruces Homebuilder's Association Home and Garden Show at the Convention Center on March 5. Tunde's parents, Yomi and Beth Adejokin were showing off their business, Nothing Bundt Cakes, at the event. The pinball machine was on display at the Olhausen Pool Table booth, a family-owned and operated business since 1952, which is located at 2255 E. Lohman Ave. The store, which carries everything for a game room, plus service and supplies, can be reached at 524-4337.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service master gardener program was on hand to help people start their spring gardens.

Rotary Club presents awards, receives club honors at meeting

Six members of the Rotary Club of Las Cruces were honored with Paul Harris Fellow recognition at the club's meeting Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at Lynn Middle School. Honored club members were: Jodie Brdecko, Kristi Granados, Patty Groth, Cornell Menking, Robert Seaton, and David Yaryan. Brdecko and Seaton have been honored as Paul Harris Fellows multiple times.

Paul Harris recognition is given to individuals who contribute \$1,000, or in whose honor or memory \$1,000 is given, to the Rotary

Foundation of Rotary International. The Rotary Club of Las Cruces has a long-standing tradition of contributing funds in the name of members who exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." The club has given more than \$395,000 to the foundation since 1976 and has had nearly 300 members honored as Paul Harris Fellows.

At an earlier club meeting, the Las Cruces Rotary Club was given recognition for its 92nd club anniversary and its outstanding record of member participation and con-

tribution. Rotary District Governor Tom Walker read a letter to the club recognizing the club's outstanding support of the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. Out of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs worldwide, the Las Cruces club was one of only 3,112 clubs to achieve Every Rotarian, Every Year status, meaning every active member of the club made a contribution to the Annual Fund. The club was also recognized for having full participation in Rotary International's polio eradication project.



Rotary Club of Las Cruces members honored as Paul Harris fellows (pictured left to right): Cornell Menking, Jodie Brdecko, David Yaryan, Patty Groth, Robert Seaton, and Kristi Granados.

Healthy Happenings



Mountain View Market Co-op events

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 19, Desert Baby-wearers: Learn about safe and comfortable baby-wearing, new methods, different carriers, meet other baby-wearers. This monthly event meets the third Saturday in the Co-op Community room and is free and open to the public. For information, call 312-1974 or email leslieh1206@yahoo.com.

Customized Training Program offers 'Fifty Ways to Have Fun at Work'

The Customized Training Program offers "Fifty Ways to Have Fun at Work" from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at 2345 E. Nevada. Fun at work may be the single most important trait of a highly effective and successful organization. There is a direct link between fun at work and employee creativity, productivity, morale, satisfaction and retention, as well as customer service and many other factors that determine business success. Join Customized Training for this informative and idea-filled day to help you deal with crisis, change and stress on the job.

Instructor Marina Atma is a certified senior professional in human resources and has been teaching for more than 20 years, including eight years with the Customized Training Program. She has a bachelor's in business management from NMSU. Her passion is helping people improve their work and professional skills. Cost of the training is \$139. For more information, contact the Customized Training Program at 527 7776 or ctp@nmsu.edu.

Parks and Recreation Department Zumba class

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will add a Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The new class takes place every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Zumba combines traditional Latin dance styles, including salsa, mambo, cha-cha, cumbia and merengue, as well as hip-hop, belly dancing moves and may include traditional group fitness moves, such as pushups, bicep curls, crunches and hi-low aerobic combinations. For more information, contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

Zumba takes the "work" out of workout. A mix of Latin and World rhythms mixed with low and high intensity moves provides an enjoyable total workout to energize your body and give you a serious helping of awesome! Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m., at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Call for more information: 522-0503.

Free dance lessons with NMSU DanceSport

Learn to dance the best ballroom, Latin, swing and nightclub dances at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, 3600 Arrowhead Drive. No partner or dance experience necessary. All levels and ages welcome. Bring friends and/or family. Lessons are taught by DanceSport Company members and act as a practicum for professional devel-

opment. These classes foster a thriving dance community and offer dance as a healthy lifestyle alternative. For information, call 646-5704 or dancesport@nmsu.edu.

Tai Chi class at Parks and Rec

The Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are currently held Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and are open to adults. Cost: \$30/4-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 541-2455.

GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Join us Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 229, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda. For registration and information call Penny Baca at 635-9696. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook.

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#22, "For many patients with SAD, light therapy should be regarded as a first-line treatment, given its high success and acceptance rate." According to the Mayo Clinic website, SAD (also known as winter blues) is the acronym for Seasonal Affective Disorder, a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons. It begins and ends at about the same times every year. Symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping energy and sparking negative moods. SAD also can cause depression in the spring or early summer.

Indoor Sunshine bulbs can be used in homes, offices, schools, hos-

pitals and for general lighting. They have been used for SAD, better visual clarity and alertness, ADD/ADHD, irritability and depression, PMS, students' ability to learn, and autism. Temple Grandin, PhD, world autistic spokesperson, uses Indoor Sunshine lights and has asked Sunshine Science's CEO and founder, Linaya Hahn, to have research done with Indoor Sunshine and individuals with autism.

Indoor Sunshine comes in long-lasting spiral bulbs in a range of sizes and wattages. Natural Grocers sells 15 watt, 25 watt, 30 watt and 3-way bulbs.

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Many people use cayenne to prevent ailments

By **Trish McCaul**
For Mountain View Market Co-op

No desert summer is complete without peppers. In addition to being tasty, one in particular has numerous health benefits: Capsicum annuum, or as most people know it, cayenne. Capsicum comes from the Greek word “kapto”, meaning “to bite.” Indigenous to south and central America, cayenne was used by native peoples to treat many diseases. Today, it is used daily by countless people as a preventive for many ailments, including heart disease, colds, the flu,

arthritis, headaches and indigestion.

One of the most pronounced effects of cayenne is its benefit to the cardiovascular system. It has a strengthening effect on the heart muscle and it improves circulation by inhibiting blood platelet aggregation. Cayenne chelates arterial plaque, can decrease cholesterol and also lower blood pressure. It can be beneficial for those with atherosclerosis and those prone to blood clots, as well as those who are prone to cold extremities.

Cayenne also benefits the digestive system. Used on food, it stimulates gas-

tric secretions and aids digestion. Cayenne can be taken in capsule form as a treatment for diarrhea due to exposure to unfamiliar microbes.

Another traditional use for cayenne is in the treatment of colds, as it is excellent for opening up congested nasal passages. It is also high in vitamin C.

Externally, the tincture can be applied to ease the pain of sore joints. It works by blocking a neuropeptide called substance P, which is responsible for transporting pain messages to the brain. The powder or tincture also provide relief

from toothaches when applied directly to the area in pain.

Cayenne can easily be added to soups and salads. Those who have sensitive stomachs need to be careful, and it is important to wash your hands after handling it. Do not put your hands near your eyes until you have done so, because the residue can be extremely irritating.

This summer, be sure to eat your peppers. Your body will thank you.

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Free in-home children’s visiting program now available in Las Cruces

Bulletin report

A successful, free home visiting program, developed by the Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) to assist first time parents, is up and running in Las Cruces. The CHI St. Joseph’s Children Home Visiting Program was implemented and studied in and around Albuquerque over the last two years and is now available in Las Cruces. The program, available to both English and Spanish speakers, focuses on a child’s health and development during the most important period of early brain development – from prenatal to three years of age. First-time pregnant women and parents receive weekly home visits by a trained health educator who ad-

vises on such topics as physical and emotional changes, expectations at childbirth, infant growth and development, feeding and breastfeeding and creating stimulating environments for children, among many others.

Families may enroll any time during the pregnancy or within the first two months after the baby is born. All mothers are offered a postpartum home visit immediately following delivery. All first-time parents, families and their newborns are welcome to participate in this free program. And not just natural parents can benefit. The requirement is that the baby be a first child by birth, adoption or placement. Grandparents car-

ing for a first grandchild are also included. Program participation may begin any time during pregnancy up until a baby is 2 months old and continues until the baby is 3 years old.

A personal home visitor provides support and education through visits that begin immediately after registration, with no waiting list. A home visit by a nurse takes place following the baby’s birth and includes developmental screenings.

St. Joseph’s Children’s home visiting program follows socio-economically disadvantaged pre-natal through age three firstborn children and their mothers.

“This program could be a model for other states in providing high quality service to children,” said Paul Guerin, senior research scientist in the University of New Mexico Institute for Social Research.

Guerin conducted a study on behalf of Catholic Health Initiatives to determine if CHI’s St. Joseph’s Children home visiting program was following evidence-based practices.

After completing an intensive two-year study, which carefully monitored interactions of St. Joseph’s home visitors with client families, Guerin concluded that SJC’s large scale home visiting program, with nearly 500 families, is consistently implementing evidence-based practices.

Allen Sánchez, CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives’ St. Joseph’s Children said, “The significance of this finding cannot be overstated.” He noted that the Legislative Finance Committee documented last spring in its Results First Report: “Rigorous research has demonstrated that evidence-based early childhood programs can improve education out-

comes. In many cases, the benefits to taxpayers and society from these programs far outweigh the costs.”

Evidence-based early childhood programs, the LFC explained, “promote healthy early development and lay the foundation for greater achievement, economic productivity and responsible citizenship. The best early care environments maintain high-quality standards such as highly-skilled teachers and caregivers, low caregiver and teacher-to-child ratios, language-rich environments, consistent and stable caregivers and teachers, healthy food, calm environments, and consistent participation.”

Sánchez noted, “Today New Mexico ranks 49th nationally for children’s well-being as published in the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s 2014 Kids Count data book. As the state struggles to change the

outcomes for our children, early, large-scale intervention is plainly one of the answers.”

The LFC further concluded in its Results First Report: “Cost-benefit analysis shows investment in high-quality early childhood programs produces future savings by reducing remediation needs in public and higher education, special education, juvenile rehabilitation, juvenile and adult criminal activity, and welfare assistance.”

The visits are an opportunity for new parents to learn about:

- Physical and emotional changes during pregnancy
- Expectations at childbirth
- Encouraging infant growth and development
- Feeding and breastfeeding
- Selecting books & toys that teach
- Creating stimulating environments
- Discovering community resources
- How to work towards solutions for family challenges
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Community Action Agency celebrates more than 50 years of good deeds

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Yet such is oft the course of deeds that move the wheels of the world: small hands do them because they must, while the eyes of the great are elsewhere."

— Elrond, *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Charitable organizations are used to working hard for little more than the satisfaction of doing good. As Las Cruces churns and rolls and grows and spreads, dozens of industrious people work behind the scenes to care for and support those in our city that need a hand. On an average day, the average Las Crucean never sees this process, or makes the connection between what we see every day and what gets done.

For over 50 years, Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASNM) has been helping regional families build self-reliance and encourage wellness in a number of ways.

President John F. Kennedy had proposed many social and economic reforms in the early 1960s; after his assassination, President Johnson continued this work, seeking civil rights reforms and, most famously, waging a war on poverty.

Fifty one years ago President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Economic Opportunity Act, devoting nearly \$1 billion to programs aimed at helping the poor.

Establishing community action programs to address education, job training, loans, and more, the Act also created the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to review the operation of these programs.

Over half a century later, CAASNM, located off Roadrunner Parkway across from Caliche's at 3880 Foothills Road Ste. A, continues to empower Southern New Mexico residents in need with concrete assistance such as free tax preparation, computer and finan-



Dawn Hommer, chief executive officer of Community Action Agency is proud of the organization, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in Las Cruces last year. CAA is gearing up for its spring fundraiser, a Color Dash Fun Run Saturday, April 9.

cial literacy classes and monetary assistance to cancer patients.

CAA Chief Executive Officer Dawn Hommer said, "We cover all of Southern New Mexico with a focus in the Southwestern counties of Doña Ana, Luna, Hidalgo, Sierra and Grant. CAASNM began in 1965 as CAA of Doña Ana County a direct result of the community action movement under the Economic Opportunity and Civil Rights Acts of 1964." The CAA mission is building self-reliance for low-income New Mexicans by connecting our community to high-impact programs that encourage family wellness, empower families and bridge resources, she said.

In keeping with CAA's mission, Hommer explained, "Our services are concentrated on low-income families in New Mexico. We do free tax preparation each year to help families avoid preparer and anticipation loan fees which keeps more money in their pockets and in our community. We provide computer

and financial literacy classes and nutrition education for home-based daycares and children and we screen families for federal, state and local benefits and assist with the application process." CAA also works closely with Cancer Aid Resource and Education to assist cancer patients who may be struggling to pay the additional expenses that occur during cancer treatment, Hommer said. Additionally, CAA assists US Bank in delivering 3,000 coats to local children each year through our Coats for Kids program.

The nonprofit is busy right now offering its popular free tax preparation, which takes place through April 15. All the tax preparers are IRS certified and can file returns that include earned income tax credit, expanded education credits and all other credits. Hours of operation of the free tax service are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fridays; 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays (evening hours end Tuesday, April 12.) The free tax prep is on a 'first come, first served' basis and does have a daily quota. Hommer recommends calling ahead to find out if the organization has reached its daily quota at 527-8799 or toll free 800-657-8967.

Currently, CAA is preparing for its 3rd Annual Color Dash Fun Run fundraiser to be held Saturday, April 9 at the parking lot of Aggie Memorial Stadium on the NMSU campus. "We have discounts for families, NMSU students and the Deaf Community," said Hommer. "The run is a fun, non-competitive, family-friendly event. We average about 600 participates who run or walk each year." Over the last two years, the event has raised more than \$25,000 for the nonprofit. Visit the CAA website at caasnm.org or like them on Facebook for more information and to register. Cost is \$29. For information, call 527-8799 or toll free 800-657-8967.

The Village at Northrise raises nearly \$11,000 for Alzheimer's

The Village at Northrise, a 16-acre Genesis HealthCare Continuing Care Community, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, announced in March that last year it joined the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's and raised nearly \$11,000 to fund Alzheimer's Association care, support and research programs. The Village at Northrise provides senior living, skilled nursing and independent living services and includes a 24-bed specialized Alzheimer's Care Program.

Recently, The Village at Northrise was presented with a trophy by Steve Rothwell, Genesis HealthCare's Senior Vice President, West Division, which honored the center's 2015 commitment to raising funds for this important cause. Maia Sedoris-Dorame, southwest regional manager of the New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, joined the ceremony to recognize the achievement, which is the second consecutive year that The Village raised the most funds of any of the more than 500 Genesis HealthCare centers nationwide. Genesis HealthCare raised nearly \$255,000 company-wide as a Gold National Team.

"The funds our community raised last year will help the Alzheimer's Association move forward with its important research, education and support services," shares Executive Director Donald Wilson. "I am so proud of all of the staff members and residents of The Village of Northrise for their dedication and contributions."

Disabled veterans group seeks volunteer drivers

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 needs volunteer drivers to transport disabled Veterans to VA Health Care locations in Las Cruces, El Paso and Albuquerque. Qualifications: a valid New Mexico drivers license; ability to pass a New Mexico Dept. of Transportation health screening; U.S. citizenship; over 21 years of age.

The DAV Transportation Network is the only way many veterans are able to get to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical

facilities for needed treatment. They are the men and women who answered our country's call in times of war. Many lost limbs, lost their sight, their hearing, or their good health.

With fixed incomes, the cost of transportation to a VA hospital is just too high. They're left with two choices. They could go without the treatment they need, or skimp on food or other necessities to pay for transportation. Veterans disabled in our nation's service should never face such

dire options. So DAV and volunteers respond, driving Vets to and from VA hospitals and clinics.

DAV Chapter 38 has purchased vans to make this program work. All DAV van drivers are volunteers and do not receive payment for the services they provide. Across the nation nearly 5,000 volunteer drivers provide transportation for veterans needing this service. For information, call 640-8865.

Wind horses

By Katharine Lark Chrisley
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Katharine Lark Chrisley
Stable Woman

In many cultures, the “wind horse” is a representation of a pony carrying a sacred symbol on his back. This is often seen on prayer flags, hung to release blessings to the winds. In New Mexico, a wind horse right now is any of our equine friends standing with bums to the gusts, eyes closed and heads lowered. This is how a horse gets through spring in the high desert!

We can help our horses remain safe and reasonably comfortable during this windy season, even when we do not have a posh barn in which to enclose them. For their safety in the stable yard, all objects that could become airborne must be weighted down or removed. Dangerous things like metal roofing sheets could maim or kill. Seemingly benign things like plastic bags can frighten

a horse flapping about and could be eaten, making them potentially deadly as well.

The horse’s eyes are the most susceptible to irritation and injury by the blowing dirt. The fly masks that are mesh head covers to keep insects off the face will also provide a barrier to this dust. Especially for breeds like Appaloosas, Paints and Palominos who might have light colored skin on the face or the sclera (white of the eye) showing, eye protection can preserve eyesight.

Odd things become important during the windy season: electric fence tape will be battered by the gusts and fences can be broken, gates undone.



Even roofs on shelters can become rattled by heavy gusting, so checks of the integrity there can avoid big trouble. I’ve been known to use plumber’s strapping to secure the corners of roofs. In the spring, when I bail out water tubs for scrubbing, I’ll throw the water all over the horses’ pens to help settle that dust.

Wind breaks are important – walls arranged on the east and west of shelters; trees along fence lines; hedgerows

and the like. I teach riding lessons at a stable in our valley that is surrounded by pecan groves. That is a very effective wind break!

I protect the horses’ lungs in this weather with the feeding of flaxseed meal, flaxseed oil or the jelly. This is a very nourishing food for the lungs and heart. I add magnesium to the bran mashes, too, to protect the lungs. Both of these additions are very safe and can be fed to “bowel tolerance”, meaning that

if the bowels become loose, you just reduce the amount fed.

When problems arise, I turn to colloidal silver. I use it (pure, undiluted, 15 ppm) to wash irritated eyes, I put it in their drinking water to kill pathogens and I rinse the horses’ irritated skin with it.

The wind creates energetic anomalies as well. While we humans often feel agitated by it, horses can become downright bonkers after several days of the positive ion

(negative feelings) build up. The wind rushes through their ears and makes it difficult for them to listen (instinctively for predators, etc.), creating fear and “spookiness”. Objects are in motion (that usually are not) and gusts can whip up against their bodies causing serious reactions when being ridden. I judge horse shows, often in the wind, and have been unable to see the competitors at times – this is when it becomes dangerous and time to stop.

All of this simply means that we need to heighten our awareness to keep us all safe and comfortable and that we should plan our activities with horses for the early morning hours during the spring. Today, I’m watching the wind horses on the prayer flags by our cabin and thinking about all the blessings the wind is releasing. It’s one way to think about it all!

Katharine teaches horseback riding and is the president of Dharmahorse Inc., a sanctuary for unwanted horses. www.dharmahorse.org

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